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In a letter from attorney Ray Good of Locke Reynolds Counsellors at Law of Indianapolis, Indiana, Mr. Good writes, "During the administration of 'Pat's' (Patricia Gregory) Estate, many of the genealogy papers of this 'Society' were selectively gathered and placed in your capable hands as a continuing source. My fiduciary research has uncovered a bank account in the name of the 'Society' in the amount of \$3,727.00. After talking to a remaining signatory on this 'Account' (i.e., Pat's daughter) and one of the few remaining members of the 'Society,' I have been urged to avoid forfeiture of this 'Ac-

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Lord Lyon, King of Arms to visit Stone Mountain Games in October 2003!

History will be made this October at Stone Mountain Highland Games when, for the first time ever, a reigning Lord Lyon King of Arms will be visiting the United States in his Official capacity. The Lord Lyon is the Sovereign's ultimate arbiter in all heraldic matters and is also responsible for determining the Chiefship of the Scottish Clans.

The first Lyon was appointed by King Robert the Bruce at the beginning of the 14th century and one of his duties was to attend Coronations and to recite, in Gaelic, the pedigree of the newly crowned Monarch. Originally, the Lord Lyon was assisted by twelve Officers of Arms – six Heralds and six Pursuivants – but in 1672 the situation was regularised by an Act of the

Scottish Parliament which created the Court of the Lord Lyon as we know it today.

The present Lord Lyon, the Rt. Hon. Robin Orr Blair, LVO, WS, is a Judge and presides over his own Court consisting of a Lyon Clerk, a Procurator Fiscal or prosecutor, Three Heralds and three Pursuivants. Under certain circumstances, he may also appoint additional Officers of Arms known as Heralds and Pursuivants Extraordinary. The Scottish Heraldic Executive is a separate jurisdiction from those in England and Ireland and, as such, the Court of the Lord Lyon has, since 1672, maintained its own manuscript record of all Coats of Arms borne in Scotland. This is known as the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings

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The Rt. Hon. Robin Orr Blair, LO, WS, The Lord Lyon.

2003 Newsletter Contest winners! Master Class - The Galley! Grand Prize Overall - Keith & Kin!

The Galley from The Clan Macneil Association of America, Nellie McNeill-Sanders and Vicki Sanders Corporon editors, has repeated once again as **Master Class Winner** in The Family Tree 2003 Newsletter Contest.

New entrant, *Keith & Kin* from The Clan Keith Society, Carl D. Pritchett of DeSoto, Texas, editor, has been judged

the **Grand Prize Overall** winner this year.

Runner-Up Grand Prize Overall winners are (in a tie) the publication of The Clan MacBean Society, with Robert Levi McBee and Lucy A. McBee of San Antonio, Texas, editors; and the publication of the Clan Munro Association, USA, Anne Monroe Long of St. Petersburg, Florida, *The Eagle*

Flyer and *The Munro Eagle*.

Specialty Grand Prize Winners include The Caledonian Club of San Francisco, Art Ball and Floyd Busby, editors and *Thornton Family Chiropractic*, Dr. Sean M. Reif, DC., editor.

First Place Overall Winners (in a tie) are: The Alabama Genealogical Society Maga-

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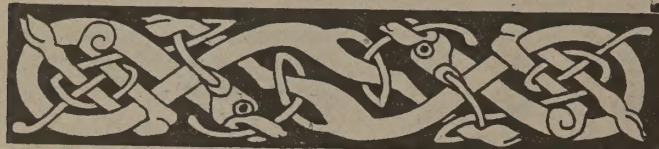
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Lord Lyon at Stone Moutain, continued from page 1A

in Scotland. In terms of the Lyon King of Arms Act it is illegal to use a Heraldic Device in Scotland that has not been granted by Lyon and recorded in the Public Register and anyone contravening this Law is subject to prosecution.

The Lord Lyon and his Heralds also fulfil a ceremonial roll and appear, from time to time, in State Dress wearing Royal Household Uniform and splendid embroidered Tabards bearing the Royal Coat of Arms. Scottish Tabards are slightly different to those worn in England as the Royal Arms are shown with the Scottish 'Lion Rampant' taking precedence over the English 'leopards'. Members of the Court can be seen on parade at such events as the annual St Andrew's Day service at St Giles Cathedral and at the Installation of the Governor of Edinburgh Castle.

A number of Officers of Arms have visited North America in the past on a private basis, either on holiday or visiting family and friends, but this will be the first time in history that a reigning Lyon will be visiting an American Highland Games in his Official capacity.



The Lord Lyon

As well as being a special distinguished guest at Stone Mountain, Mr Blair will also be attending the first Annual General Meeting of the Society of Scottish Armigers. This organisation, of which the Lord Lyon is Patron, was established in 2001 and is composed of individuals who bear Coats of Arms which are recorded in the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland or are entitled, as heirs, to use the Scottish Arms of their parents or grandparents. The general membership of the Society consists of some of the most active participants within the various Scottish Cultural Heritage

organisations in North America.

As well as having the Lord Lyon as its Patron, the Society is also honoured that the previous Lord Lyon, Sir Malcolm Innes of Edingight, Orkney Herald Extraordinary, has consented to serve as Chairman of the Advisory Board. George Way of Plean, the Procurator Fiscal to the Lyon Court is also a member of the Society, and Romilly Squire of Rubislaw, Secretary of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs and Chairman of the Heraldry Society of Scotland, is a member of the Board of Governors.

The Society was formed with the purpose of assisting and helping to educate the Scottish-American community and the public at large about Scottish Heraldry and Clan Tradition. To this end, the Society, as well as the Lord Lyon, encourages those Scots who may have a right to bear Arms to do so and to join the Society. Members of the Society are available to speak to groups, appear at Highland Games and other appropriate events, or to write short articles for publication in clan and society newsletters. The Society also encourages its members to support the Heraldry Society of Scotland.

The Society has recently petitioned the Lyon Court for a corporate Grant of Arms and it is hoped that the Lord Lyon will consent to make an Official presentation of the Letters Patent

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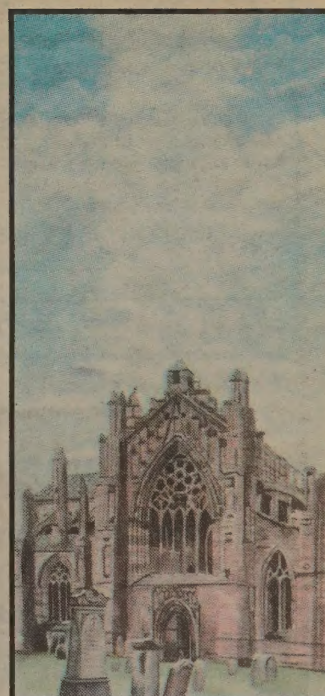
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Scots have been in Hawaii a very long, long, long time

Scots have been coming to Hawaii since the end of the 18th century. They arrived with other Westerners soon after Kamehameha the Great unified the island and Captain James Cook, a part Scot, opened Hawaii to the West. Hawaii's own Princess Ka'iulani was half Scottish. Her father, Achibald Scott Cleghorn, who arrived in Hawaii in 1851, was born in Edinburgh. He married Princess Miriam Likelike, sister of Queen Lili'uokalani and King Kalakaua. Cleghorn served in several government positions under the monarchy and was Governor of O'ahu under Queen Lili'uokalani.

Many Scots either immigrated to Hawaii or passed through as visitors, since the first seafaring Scots discovered our beautiful islands. A visit by the author, Robert Louis Stevenson in 1889, was well publicized and has a his-

torical note because of his friendship with King Kalakaua and Princess Ka'iulani.

From 1976-1982, The Caledonian Society sponsored an oral history project involving Scots in Hawaii, which resulted in 26 oral interviews being taped and transcribed for research purposes. In 1986 a monograph entitled *Speaking of Scots in Hawaii* was published. Many of the stories from the interviews and from some of the more famous Scots who visited and came to live in Hawaii can be found in *The Story of Scots in Hawaii*, a book published by The Caledonian Society in 2000.

For more information visit their website at: <<http://www.scotsinhawaii.com>>

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Twigs, Leaves & Stems

News from

Ligonier Highland Games to present Dr. Smith!

The annual Ligonier Highland Games, Pennsylvania's big Scottish festival that will be taking place in Westmoreland County the weekend of September 5-7.

Dr. Philip Smith, Jr., president of the International Association of Tartan Studies and a fellow of the Scottish Tartans Society will be conducting a day-long free seminar about Scottish tartans at the Wingate Inn, US Rte. 30, in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, from 9 AM - 4 PM on Friday, September 5. Since space is limited anyone interested in attending this session is asked to make an advanced registration with the Ligonier Highland Games.

For more information call 412-851-9900 or email <ligdir@icubed.com>.

Do you belong to the First Families of the Tennessee Valley?

The Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society, Inc., PO Box 1658, Huntsville, AL 35807-0567, is offering certificates for The First Families of the Tennessee Valley. You qualify if you are a proven direct lineal descendant of any rich man, poor man, beggar man, thief, doctor, lawyer or Indian Chief, preacher, teacher, politician, slave, farmer, fore-

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If you would like an application form, please write the above address.

The Registry of Georgia Genealogical Works in progress

In order to provide a service to the authors and compilers working on Georgia genealogical projects for publication, the Georgia Genealogical Society (GGS) would like all interested parties to register their projects with them to be posted on the GGS web site.

You are invited to register any genealogy project which will ultimately be available to the general public, in the form of a book, CD, video, or other publication. Individuals should be aware that registration of a project does not provide that individual with exclusive rights to that particular project.

However, it is hoped that such a registry will prevent individuals from working on the same projects and that the site will facilitate cooperation among the members of the genealogical community.

For more information go to: <http://www.gagensociety.org/projects_registry.htm>.

Think! Try this genealogical puzzle. Can you solve it?

Margaret entertained female relatives at a luncheon. Present were one great-grandmother, two grandmothers, one great aunt, four mothers, three aunts, three first cousins, four sisters, six daughters, four nieces, four granddaughters, one grandniece, two first cousins one removed, and one great granddaughter.

How many folks were there?

Six! Margaret, her daughters (let's call them Patricia and Marilyn), Patricia's daughter (Tracy), Marilyn's daughters (Morgan and Kim), Megan's daughter (Rachel).

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June 19-22, Texas, Dallas: George Schweitzer, Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck and Charles A. Sherrill will present "A Southern Perspective on the American Experience" for the Dallas Genealogical Society. More information can be found at <http://www.dallasgenealogy.org> or send an e-mail to info@dallasgenealogy.org.

June 21, Kansas, McPherson: The Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies will host its annual meeting, with keynote speakers, Ruth Keys Clark and Jim Swan. For more information, visit the Web site skyways.lib.ks.uk/genweb/kcgs or contact casey@southwind.net.

June 23-27, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia: The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania announces the return of its innovative program "Summer Camp for Family Historians." Each "camper" will be assisted by a specific "counselor" for the week, with opportunities to experience research in Philadelphia's largest research facilities. For more information contact the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, 215 S. Broad St., 7th Floor, Philadelphia, PA

19107-5325, by telephone 215-545-0936 or see the Web site libertynet.org/~gsa.

June 29-July 21, Great Britain, London, Belfast, Dublin: The British Institute of Genealogy & Historical Research announces its annual British research trip. For more information, contact Jean Thomason, Directory, IGHR, Samford University Library, Birmingham, AL 35229-7008; by telephone 205-726-2846 or see the Web site <http://www.samford.edu/schools/ighr/ighr.html>.

July 6-10, Virginia, Richmond: The Virginia Genealogical Society announces an Institute of Genealogical Research. For more details, send an e-mail to mail@vgs.org, see their Web site at <http://www.vgs.org/events.htm> or telephone 804-285-8954 between 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. EST on Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

July 7-10, Illinois, Springfield: The Genealogical Institute of Mid-America announces its annual institute. Four tracks of courses will be offered, with an optional one-day computer workshop (registration is separate). For more details, contact Susan Kaufman by e-mail: kaufmansusna@juno.com; or Illinois State Genealogical Society, PO Box 10195, Springfield, IL 62791-0195 or telephone 217-789-1698 and request a brochure on voice mail.

July 10-14, Nova Scotia, Halifax, Canada: A family reunion of the descendants of the settlers of Halifax is being held to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Halifax. These early settlers left Europe, fleeing religious persecution

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July 11-12, Indiana, Indianapolis: The Midwestern Roots 2003: Family History and Genealogy Conference will be hosted by the Indiana Historical Society and the Indiana Genealogical Society. Presenters at the conference include Tony Burroughs, John Philip Colletta, Amy Johnson Crow, Cyndia Howells, Paul Milner, Michael John Neill, Loretto Szucs and Curt Witcher. For more details contact the Indiana Historical Society, 450 W. Ohio St., Indianapolis, IN 46202-3269 or see the Web site: <http://indianahistory.com>

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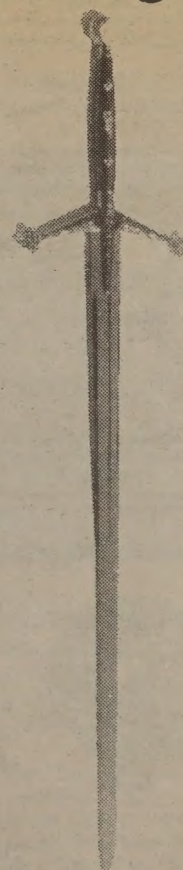
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Toolkit, with Stuart Nixon

Making sense of the census!

Many years ago, when I was taking a class on genealogy at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., the instructor assigned us the following exercise:

We were handed two pieces of paper, each a copy of a page from the U.S. Census for the Arizona Territory for 1880. The pages were not related, other than coming from the same census. Among the entries on each page was a man I will call William Smith (since I don't remember his actual name) and the members of his family. Our assignment was to

determine whether two men named William Smith were enumerated in the Arizona Territory in 1880 or whether the same man was counted twice. To help us, we could draw on other written sources (this was the pre-Internet era), but we had to use the Census as the basis for whatever conclusion we reached.

Needless to say, the instructor deliberately picked a tricky case to throw at us. The listings for the two families did not agree in several respects. Worse yet, the two families were enumerated on different days in different parts of the territory. On the face of it, there was not much to suggest that the same man (or his wife) could have talked with a census taker twice within a matter of weeks.

That, however, turned out to be the explanation. And the

only way to figure it out was to carefully compare the two listings, noting where they were consistent and where they were not, and then to ask whether it was physically possible for a family to move from the first location to the second in the amount of time in question. In other words, you could only

build a credible argument working from internal to external evidence.

Unless you are exceedingly lucky (or exceedingly sloppy) in your research, it is almost impossible to trace your family tree in the United States today without using the U.S. Census as an investigative tool. But as my experience in the classroom illustrates, federal census records can be full of traps if you fail to appreciate the many quirks and complexities those records contain. If

you happened to go looking for a William Smith in the Arizona Territory in 1880, you would encounter the same dilemma I did, except that I only had to deal with the problem hypothetically, whereas you would have to resolve it for real.

There are a number of general publications you can consult for assistance with census research. Two that come quickly to mind are *The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy* by Val Greenwood and *The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy* by Arlene Eakle and Johni Cerny. But as helpful as such books can be, other books have appeared in recent years devoted entirely to census research—a welcome development for anyone wanting to go beyond the basics to dig deeper into the potentially rich layers of census data. Here are four such books you may want to consider:

1. *The Census Book—A Genealogist's Guide to Federal Census Facts, Schedules, and Indexes* by William Dollarhide. It really doesn't make much sense to jump into census records without first understanding what they are and how they were compiled. We are not talking here about

abstract issues. Historically, census records were created the hard way: page by page, in longhand, by people traveling house to house as best they could, never knowing what would await them at the next gate or doorway. Consequently, your ability to extract useful information from censuses depends to a considerable degree on how good you are at remembering what the census taker was doing when he wrote down what you are reading. It was not exactly a scientific process.

In this book, William Dollarhide does a nice job of getting you oriented on the background of the Census and on how this history can impact your search. Wisely in my opinion, he moves quickly to make you aware of one of the most important—and most overlooked—facts about the Census: the census taker was not

hired to record a household as it existed on the day of his visit but rather as it existed on "Census Day." If you don't understand this concept (and, therefore, don't know which day "Census Day" was in any census year), you are virtually certain to draw false conclusions from the data. This is a good example of where a little knowledge can go a long way, or where a lack of same can be disastrous.

Dollarhide's book includes a sizable section organized by census year (1790-1930) so that you can look up a particular year and determine what census records are available for that year, including what states and territories existed that year and which census indexes have been published for that year. He also provides charts showing whether the Family History Library in Salt Lake City has indexed (on microfilm) a particular county for a particular census year. Most such countywide indexes go back to 1850 or 1860 but not (with some exceptions) much earlier.

Dollarhide also provides a lot of information about non-population censuses, such as agricultural and slave schedules.

2. *Finding Answers in U.S. Census Records* by Loretto D. Szucs and Matthew Wright. In terms of general layout, this book is similar to Dollarhide's in that it begins with an historical overview of the Census and proceeds to examine in detail the records for each census year, followed by a discussion of non-population schedules. It differs, however, in that it includes numerous illustrations of actual census pages to give you some feel for the documents you will be working with. It also includes various tables of information, such as phonetic substitutes for letters in people's names, frequently misread letters in census entries, and a checklist of records you may want to examine when census records are illegible or missing.

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Mr. Seward would like for us to be sure and tell you that if you are a library and would like a copy of the book - at no charge - just write him with a request on library letterhead. Write George C. Seward, 48 Greenacres Ave., Scarsdale, NY 10583. (That's how The Odom Library received its own copy!) Otherwise, the softbound book is \$34.50 from the same address.

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How are “the times” effecting your reunion?

Edith Wagner is
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Reunions Magazine

Edith Wagner

That's one of the questions asked by other media and can reasonably guess you might be too. Our observation has been that there seems to be a strong positive effect on reunions and everyone wanting to reconnect with family, classmates, buddies, friends, neighbors and co-workers. Many of the surveys completed on our web site indicate people are forming new reunions. But more importantly, “the times” have a way of making us think about what is most important and the people we have reunions with.

We recognize there are many concerns that, in a peaceful world, we would not have to consider.

We'd be interested in learning whether or not and how “the times” are effecting your reunion. Send to *Reunions Magazine*, PO Box 11727, Milwaukee WI 53211; <reunions@execpc.com>.

It's THAT time of year. You've sent your invitations, registration forms, order forms for t-shirts or other memorabilia and the silence of response is deafening. No one's sending in responses, orders nor even contacting you.

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unions magazine at 800-373-7933.

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Byrd 11th annual. July 18-20, 2003, Detroit MI. Contact <byrdfamilyreunion@earthlink.net>.

Caution Always held the third Saturday of July at the Osceola Community Center in Osceola MO. “Island/Hawaiian/Beach” theme but “if you do not care to dress in this manner, we love you anyway.” Contact 816-358-4070.

Hartless 3rd Annual. Sep 13, 2003, Nacogdoches TX. Shelia Hartless-Womack, 281-470-9373; <shelia@clerk.com>.

Lunenburg 250: The Grand Family Reunion. July 10-14, 2003, the 250th anniversary of the founding of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. Festivities include a re-enactment sail from Halifax to Lunenburg, meet and greet at the Lunenburg Academy, Foreign Protestant Memorial unveiling, ecumenical church service, bus tours of the

Lunenburg area and seminars. Chris Young, 60-302 College Avenue West, Guelph, Ontario, Canada N1G 4T6; 519-824-9869; <thewiz@sentex.net>; <http://www.seawhy.com/L250.html>.

MacAskill (all spellings) of Clan MacLeod. July 4-6, 2003, Englishtown, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia. Olive McCaskill Bell, 3309 El Malecon Road NW, Albuquerque NM, 87120-2725; 505-898-1961; <OMB@ABQ.com>. Emiline MacAskill Campbell, Englishtown, Victoria County, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia B0C 1H0 Canada; 902-929-2009; <macaskillmuseum@ns.sympatico.ca>. Lonnie Petzer McCaskill, III, PO Box 923, Rockingham, NC 28380-0923; 910-997-3019; <scotsman@etinternet.net>.

Moses Worcester Sep 13, 2003, Columbia ME. Special guest Alice Worcester speaking on how flax was used by the early Pleasant River settlers. Ronie L. Strout, 267 Ridge Road, Addison ME 04606; 207-483-4374; <Ronie_L@yahoo.com>.

Nelson's of NC, AL and TX, also Whitten family. Family heritage trip — back home to Alabama. Children of Thomas

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Pittman Surnames are Pittman, Frencher, Richardson and Foote. July 3-6, 2003, Omaha NE. Willie Flagg, 770-941-4101; <wflag01@attbi.com>.

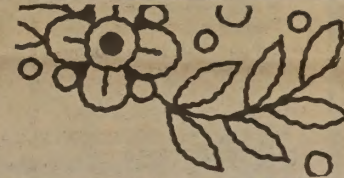
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Scott Descendants of James & Rachel Scott. Biennial reunion July 26-27, 2003, Sugar Grove and Emory VA. In the historic Rye Valley, where

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Staudt-Stoudt-Stout 29th annual. Aug 10, 2003, Bernville PA. Beulah Stoudt Follmer, 1610 Crowder Ave, Shillington PA 19607; 610-777-4814.

Want more? For more reunion information, visit *REUNIONS MAGAZINE* at <www.reunionsmag.com> where you can request a free sample of *REUNIONS MAGAZINE*. Also see *Reunions Workbook and Catalog* and *The Family Reunion Sourcebook* by Edith Wagner (1999, Lowell House, Los Angeles) in bookstores. List your reunion (also free) by emailing info to <reunions@execpc.com>.



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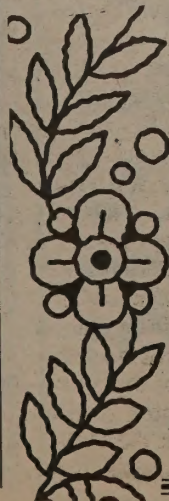
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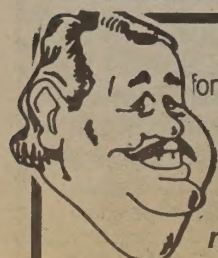
Frequently the first child was born a year after marriage. As a woman aged, the interval between births increased slightly. Child bearing generally ended about 45.

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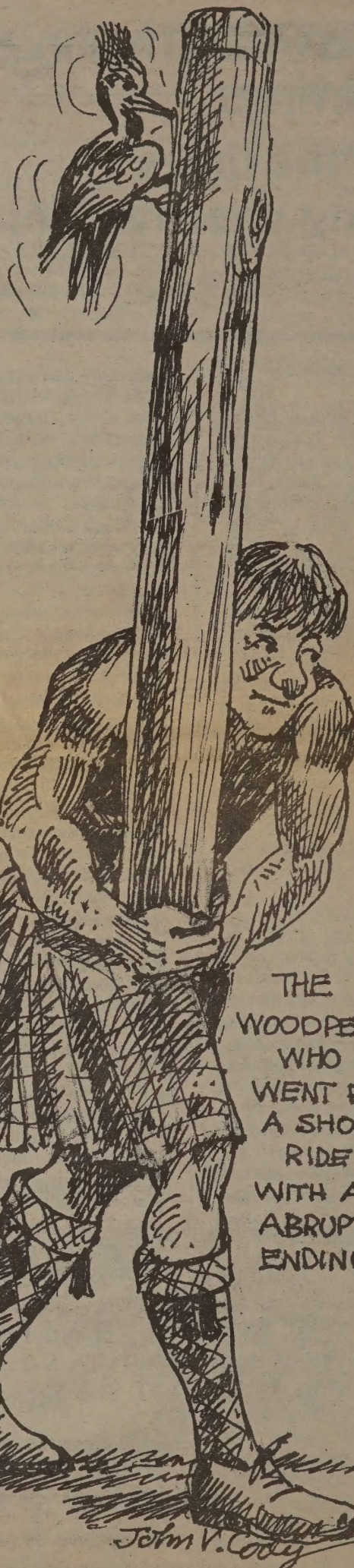
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The diamond theory of ancestors makes more sense. Tracing back a few generations gives a wider shape.

It is estimated that 80% of marriages in history were between second cousins. Why? Because the population base was smaller, people lived in small communities, and immigrated within those same small communities.

An interesting probability model created by a demographer for genealogists, is that a child born in 1947 in England tracing back to 1492 would have 60,000 ancestors. Going back farther to 1215, this child would find that 80% of the entire population of England at that time would be on the family tree. So anyone living in present-day England who traces their lineage back through English history would theoretically be related.

This is why genealogist find so many people searching for the same families in the 1600s and earlier and why we find so many "cousins" in our search.

Thank you to *The Live Oak*, East Bay Genealogical Society, PO Box 20417, Oakland, CA 94620-0417.

Directory of royal genealogical data available

Brian C. Tompsett has constructed a database of the British Royal Family and those linked to it via blood or marriage relationships.

It contains the genealogy of almost every ruling house in the western world because of the intermarriage that took place between them at some time or another. There are in excess of 30,000 individuals from the earliest times to the present. Access the site at <<http://dcs.hull.ac.uk/public/genealogy/royal>>

Newsletter contest winners,

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zine, Marcia K. Collier of Titus, Alabama, editor and The Shelby County Historical Society, Inc., Quarterly, Diane B. Seales of Columbiana, Alabama, editor.

First prize in the category of **Scottish Clan Magazines** from 25 - 50 pages is The Clan MacBean publication, editors Robert and Lucy McBee of San Antonio, Texas.

First prize in the category of **Scottish Clan Publications** is the publication of the Clan Munro Association, USA, Anne Monroe Long of St. Petersburg, Florida, *The Eagle Flyer* and *The Munro Eagle*. Second place in this category is the fine publication of Grover T. Brinson, who edits *The Eagle Gate* from The Clan Carmichael USA.

First Prize in the Scottish Clan Newsletter - over 25 pages - is *The Red Tower*, Stuart E. Robinson of Boston, Massachusetts, editor...the publication of The Clan Galbraith Society.

Scottish Clan Newsletter - under 25 pages, First Prize goes to: *Keith & Kin*, Carl D. Pritchett of DeSoto, Texas, editor. This is the publication of The Clan Keith Society. Second place is *Aclanna Cuinn*, Clan Donald USA - New England Region, Lynne Hicks of South Kent, Connecticut, editor. Third place is *The Stag & Thistle* The Quarterly Newsletter of the Clan Scott Society, Inc. with editor Michelle Szabo of Austin, Texas.

First Prize in the **Family Association Newsletter** competition goes to editor Melancie H. Adams of Titusville, Florida and *The Owsley Family Historical Society Newsletter*.

Surname Society Newsletters - under 10 pages - First Prize goes to *The Smelkinson Family Newsletter*, Andrew D. Buchanan Thaler of Balti-

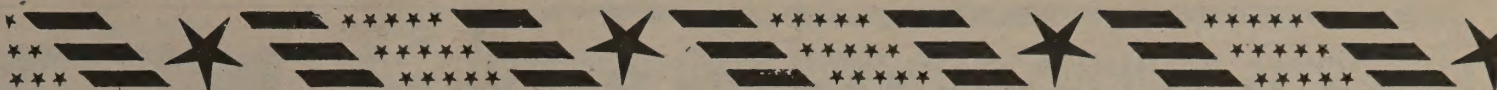
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A Highlander And His Books

A Chat With Father and Son: Bob and Rob Fletcher

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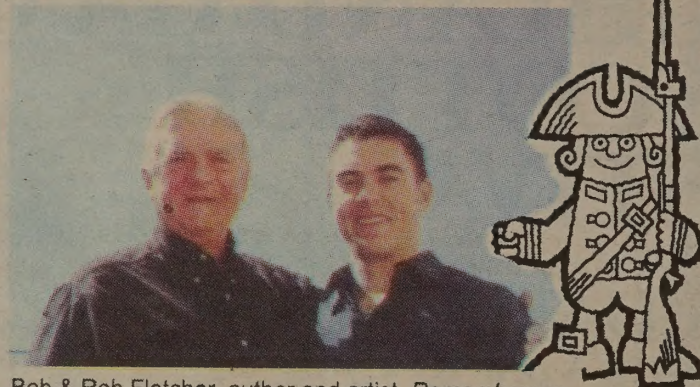
Authors of **REMEMBRANCE: A Tribute To America's Veterans**

With the unusual outpouring of patriotism experienced in America since 9/11, the war in Afghanistan, and now the one in Iraq, it is a pleasure to talk to men who are really two patriots who have shown all of us in their book the proper respect for the veterans of our country and those heroes of ours who lost their lives on behalf of a greater good - freedom.

Q: Bob, how and when did you and Rob determine the two of you would write a book together? What was it like working together as father and son? From beginning to end, how long did it take to publish the book? Where did the two of you do most of your research? Also, tell us about Iron Mountain Press.

A: In November of 1999 during National Veteran's week, 25 of my paintings were on exhibit in Washington D.C. Rob was there video-taping everything and just seemed so enthusiastic and interested in it all. He noticed that people were moved by the paintings. It was then that we began talking about taking it step further - putting words to the art. Rob immediately began to gather material. I had a very comprehensive file on the military. We collaborated and expanded on that. The Internet was very helpful. The quotations were Rob's idea, and I think that the addition of other people's voices deepens the book.

The book took three years to complete. The closeness that developed between Rob and me was very special, an



Bob & Rob Fletcher, author and artist, *Remembrance*.

underlying blessing of the project. We were amazed to discover the similarities of our thoughts and work habits and motivations. We have great respect for one another as individuals as well. Rob is a very special son. We established Iron Mountain Press in order to insure that the book would be published and that we would maintain control of the content and quality. The world of book publishing is a complex one and we wanted to keep this part of the process as straightforward as possible.

Q: Bob, whose inspiration was it to publish *Remembrance*, "the first book to portray veterans and military scenes from all of America's wars in a series of outstandingly precise watercolor paintings and pencil drawings"? Tell us about the original concept(s) of the book you and Rob, your son, worked out.

A: My interest in veterans goes back to when I was six or seven years old. My mother would take me to parades in Paterson. The bands were made up of veterans. It struck me, as a child, that these men had served in wars and that wars killed people. I knew that they had been through a lot. I also remember seeing veterans who were gas victims begging on the streets. I think of one man in

particular. His skin was a bluish-brown tone, and he was blind. I remember his military jacket, the street corner, his cushion, his tin cup.

One time, I was visiting my cousin in the next town. We were sledding and a veteran's funeral cortege went by. I left my cousin and followed the funeral until it was dark. So I guess I've always noticed and wanted to pay tribute to America's veterans, both those who are still living and those who were lost and to their loved ones. In 1986, after I left the business world, my attention was devoted to the military scene. My first painting was of a Civil War funeral. I was walking by a little church one night in a snowstorm. I thought of all that had happened there. It was the inspiration for that painting. I was astounded by people's interest in that painting and dedicated myself to honoring veterans in my art. So I was painting for many years before Rob and I thought of collaborating, of bringing words to the art.

Q: Please elaborate more on why "the word *Remembrance* was chosen very specifically" as the title of your superb book?

A: The purpose of the book is to recognize our veterans, their families and what they have contributed. They will never forget their wartime



Frank Shaw, FSA Scot



experiences. May we never forget them.

Q: Rob, being the talented writer you are, what is the next book project for you? Do you and your Dad have another joint effort in mind you could share with us?

A: Neither of us is happy unless we're immersed in a project! We've started working on a book detailing the history of family farming in America tentatively titled *The Way Home: America's Family Farms*. My father's good friend, Luther Barrett, was the last member of a multi-generation, traditional farming family in my hometown. He visited Luther every week, drew and painted his life, and wrote down his stories about farming. Every summer we'd go up to his farm, pick blackberries, and get our winter hay for the cows. So, there's an emotional connection for us, and we feel it's an important piece of America to chronicle. We're at the information gathering stage, which is always fun. It means many trips to the library and many hours searching the web. We're also collaborating on a book of my poems, which is an incredible experience for

me. My father is illustrating the cover and doing pencil drawings to go with the words. It's going to be called *Writing on Water*. The drawing *Returning Fishermen* will be on the cover, one of my favorite works of his. *Writing on Water* will be dedicated to my grandparents - my grandfather Alexander Fletcher was a fisherman in Aberdeen, Scotland. And now I can see the ocean from the window of my home in

Gloucester, Massachusetts, so it feels as if things have come full circle.

Q: I notice, Rob, that you have a BA degree in music performance and a background with the harmonica. What are the books you have written in your chosen field? How did you acquire your love for music?

A: I've written two music instructional books. *Blues Harmonica for Beginners* and *Blues Grooves for Guitarists* (both Alfred Press), as well as two harmonica transcription books, *Gospel Harmonica Workbook* and *Kim Wilson: My Blues* (Kevin's Harps). Music was always present in our house - we didn't have a TV. My father loves choral and organ music, and he also plays harmonica. So I grew up with that in the air along with my older brother and sisters playing 60s and 70s rock and roll. I used to lie in bed and get utterly transported to a wonderful place listening to AM radio on my yellow Mickey Mouse radio. Music was one of those things that was a constant friendly force helping me along as I was growing up. Oddly enough, I always thought it was too late for me to actually learn how

to play an instrument. It wasn't until I was twenty that I realized that you're never too old to do what you really love, so I bought a guitar and enrolled in music school.

Q: Rob, this remarkable book also has a CD. It is, in my opinion and as described in the CD booklet, "an incredible collection of songs and musicians." I

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What you can find in Military Records... aka "a treasure trove" for genealogical researchers!

If your ancestor served in the military service at any time after 1775, chances are a great deal of genealogical data could be found in his military record. If an ancestor served in the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, or the two World Wars, their names were probably passed down to us. However, many military men enlisted during peacetime that we may not know about.

There are exactly four types of military records that contain personal information about armed service personnel:

1. **Service Record:** This record includes a "muster" roll that will contain a physical description, marital status, residence, occupation, and birth information. It also includes the "muster out" roll and all the details of the discharge. If your ancestor or kin was in service between 1775 and 1903, there will be a "complied service record", created by the federal government. In this record will be payroll data, prison or court marital records, hospital records, and promotion records.

2. **Veteran's Benefit Record:** Both federal and state governments granted pensions and/or free land as rewards and compensation for military service. Sometimes these benefits were given in payment for service connected disability. These records, housed in the National Archives, contain documentation of disability, if any. Also, in many cases there will be a widow's pension file containing additional family details. Between 1776 and 1855, the government gave "bounty land" to those who had served in the military. A

veteran or his heir could claim this land by completing an application at a nearby courthouse.

3. **Draft Records:** These records have been maintained since the government initiated the military draft in 1863. All men eligible for military service were required to register for the draft during World War 1. "World War 1 Selective Service Draft Registration Cards 1917-1918" are on file for about 24 million men. Send inquiry to: Archives Branch, Federal Center, 557 St. Joseph

Avenue, East Point, GA 3004.

4. **Records of the regular military forces:** The National Archives has 71 reels of microfilm containing the Registers of Enlistment's in the U.S. Army, 1798-1914. Each record contains personal information such as enlistee's place of birth, age, occupation, and physical description. The National Archives "Select Catalog of Military Service Records" can be viewed at <www.nara.gov/genealogy/>.

I found that the NARA in Kansas City, Missouri, also has excellent military records and very helpful research assistants available. (However, if you go there to do your research, be prepared to stand, as writing desks were almost non-existent when we were there.)

The Veteran's Administration, Washington, DC maintains an index record of all servicemen and women buried in national or federal cemeteries.

Thanks to the *Newsletter of Northeast Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society*, 119 Lake Dr., West Monroe, LA 71291.



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The invitation was very impressive. It stated in part:

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Consul General and Mrs. Michael Bates request the pleasure of your company at a

Tartan Reception and Ceilidh at their residence.

Dress: Black Tie or Highland Evening Wear."

Well, you can bet your bottom dollar I was not going to miss that affair, so I dusted off my trews and doublet, grabbed my wife Susan, and headed for a night of fun, food and dancing. The rain held off until we were all inside, safe and dry. The Honorable Michael Bates and his lovely wife Janice welcomed everyone. Dr. Ephraim McLean, President of the Saint Andrew's Society of Atlanta, read the proclamation designating April 6th as Tartan Day. Toasts were made to our President, the Queen, the Tartan, and to troops on both sides of the pond. Yours truly was asked to toast Scotland, and for me, it doesn't get any better than that. I thank my buddy, Alastair McIntyre in Scotland, for his suggestion of heather as the subject for my toast. Gary Ermath, private piper for His Grace, the Duke of Montrose, was our piper, and the John Mohr Mackintosh Pipe Band provided us with outstanding Scottish music. Representatives from The Atlanta Burns Club of Atlanta, Edinburgh, and the Scottish Country Dance Society were also in attendance.

With the formal business out of the way, and with gracious thanks to our host and hostess for opening their beautiful home to over 150 mildly wild partying Scots, Richard Graham, right hand of the Duke of Montrose here in the United States, presented a rare copy of R. R. McLan's book, *The Clans of the Scottish Highlands*, to Britain's number one couple in Atlanta.

Now it was time for the serious part of the evening - food and drink and dancing. The food was top drawer, and the wee drams flowed freely. Robert Burns would have been happy that evening because auld acquaintances were not forgotten and did meet again!

The music started with a few Scottish reels, and the dancing began. Some great and grand old music from the 60s and 70s topped out the evening. There were no better dancers present than our host and hostess. In fact, Michael Bates can flat cut a rug, period! I haven't seen such high kicks since my last trip to Radio City Music Hall. In fact, I haven't seen dancing like that since my high school years when I would hitchhike to Myrtle Beach, SC from my home in Mullins, 46 miles away, to watch a new dance called "The Shag".

As natives of New Orleans say, "Laissez les bon temps rouler," or "Let the good times roll," and boy did they ever! Simply put, it was a beautiful evening. Kate Graham, Richard's "Red Rose", planned a wonderful party for all of us to enjoy. I'll go back next year if three things happen: (1) Mr. and Mrs. Bates will have us back; (2) I'm invited; and (3) Kate Graham is in charge of planning another "Affair to Remember". (Frank R. Shaw 5-14-03)

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**A Toast to the
Immortal Memory....**
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FATHER'S DAY IS HERE AGAIN!

and actions prescribed for the dinner.

At this meal, a place is set for the prophet Elijah, an absent guest of honor whose chair is left empty. Wine is poured for him in a special goblet that may have been in the family for generations and used only for this occasion every Passover. Foods are eaten that reflect pivotal historical events, and rituals occur within the meal that reminds participants of their religious heritage.

A meal is also a centerpiece of the Christian faith and was used by Jesus to accomplish a number of purposes, not the least of which was to have one last pleasurable visit with those he loved. Now highly ritualized, Christians have since observed it, among other reasons, to remember, and celebrate, the One who has left.

My purpose here is certainly not to equate the Burns Dinner with the Seder Supper or the Christian Eucharist, but they do tell us something about human interaction. They show us that a meal can be a very powerful symbolic experience and an intensely personal form of association. I believe that sharing a meal is probably the most intimate non-sexual social activity in which humans engage.

At the personal level, we make business deals, celebrate special days, and court our beloved at dinner. We discuss the day's events over dinner and settle family affairs at dinner. Gratitude to our Creator is offered more frequently, by more people, for this occasion than for any other human activity. Burns enjoyed meals—good food and drink—but more especially he enjoyed the rich and deep communion that is possible at a meal, particularly an evening one.

So, perhaps it is not so surprising that only five years after his death, Burns' friends and admirers could no longer stand being without him, and so got together for - what else? - dinner. In a poignant attempt to resurrect the magic Burns brought to a gathering, the first recorded instance of a Burns Dinner is in the summer 1801 (although others may well have been going on before this).

Nine of Burns' closest friends gathered in the cottage in which Burns was born in Alloway. By this time the cottage had become an inn. Guests included the eloquent lawyer Robert Aiken and the provost of Ayr, John Ballentine. The speech commemorating Burns was given by the Reverend Hamilton Paul, and the meal included, of course, haggis.

Now that cottage is preserved and is part of a museum complex. When we visited that cottage ten months ago, it did, in fact look very much like the Burns Cottage that has been replicated by the Burns Club here in Atlanta on Alloway Drive, except the layers of age were apparent, and the garden his mother tended is still a beautiful plot just beyond the back door.

If I may be permitted a brief commercial message, it looked as if the cottage could use some support. Certainly, it would be worth making the effort to visit. Alloway is located on the west coast of Scotland.

A short distance from the cottage is a little attraction called the *Tam O'Shanter Experience* and presents a dramatic video depicting the poem we heard tonight. The recitation that accompanies the video is good, but no better than what we heard tonight, the presentation is a pleasure to watch. Also close by is the "Auld Kirk" of the poem which still stands (and would still look pretty spooky at night).

But back to the nine men. They decided that it should be an annual event, but that future ones would be held on the poet's birthday. There was some shifting between summer and winter during the next ten years, but demands of summer work in this agricultural community finally caused everyone to settle on Burns' birthday for the dinner.

During these early years, the dinners became Burns Clubs,

and spread first to neighboring areas such as Greenock, Paisley, and Kilmarnock, and soon, Burns was taken to the bosom of the literary community throughout the world.

But why? Why has this country farmer been so widely embraced for so long? He was, after all, just a man, for a'that and a'that. Why have there been Burns dinners all over the world for over two centuries? That question has probably been asked a thousand of times. The answer that is usually given is that Burns extolled the virtues of the common man, decried hypocrisy, and spoke in the vernacular.

Those are undoubtedly true, but for some reason, they leave some part of me unsatisfied. They are sweet answers, but at least for me, there is no meat on them. The connection so universally felt with Burns must be of more substance to be so strong—so enduring. The answer must be more rooted in the dirt and grime and nobility and passion and anger and elegance and disappointment and transcendence that characterized not only his writing, but also his life—a life that was not a single flavor, but a rich pot of stew, although probably a bit too spicy for some.

My personal answer to the question of Burns' enduring appeal came to me while observing my internal response when Bill Harris asked me to give this toast. At first there was the "You've obviously got the wrong number." response, followed by the "Are you crazy?" response, followed by the white-knuckled fear response, followed by the "Maybe if I throw up enough I won't have to do it" response.

Having been exposed to the impressive scholarship of legions of Burns fans, I could not imagine what I could possibly contribute. The only thing I knew was that I liked Burns.

And then I realized that the answer was right there under my nose. I remember little of poetic structure from Ms. Boone's literature class at Northside High, and I'm not sure I could now tell iambic tetrameter from blank verse.

But still I liked Burns. Many of the words he used, I had never seen before.

But still I liked Burns. I know little of the debates that go on concerning his works or his life.

But still I liked Burns.

He spoke to me through—and in—his pain. He spoke to me in the tragedies, foolishness, and losses that were in his life—because they were also in my own. He spoke to me because he was a Scot, a member of a people who, even in that primitive, peasant world of two hundred years ago, believed intensely in educating even their poorest children, and who commanded the richest language on the planet—a people who believed just as intensely in the dignity and freedom of the individual.

He spoke to me because his writings were so congruent with his life, and because our lives are so congruent with his writings. He spoke to me because of his love and vision for humanity, summarized in the last verse of our poem:

Then let us pray that come it may

(As come it will for a'that)

That Sense and Worth over all the earth

Shall have the first place and all that!

For all that, and all that,

It is coming yet for all that,

That man to man the world over

Shall brothers be for all that.

He spoke to me not because he was perfect, but because he was just a man—for a'that and a'that.

Ladies and Gentlemen, let us charge our glasses, rise to our feet and for the two hundred and second year, toast to the immortal memory of Robert Burns.

The "good old days"
weren't as "good"
as we might think!

It has been commonly assumed that in colonial America several generations of families lived happily together with the men sharing the farm or shop work and the women shared household chores.

This may be true in some cases, but most people did not live long enough to see their grandchildren.

Life expectancy in the 1790s was about 35 or 36. The mortality rate for children was great and many women died during childbirth. Many of the younger generations immigrated westward and never saw or heard from their loved ones after they left home!

Before modern medicine, your editor would have expired before the age of thirty from a hospital-caught staph infection...and again a few years later from a simple kidney infection.

I can think of a few other times as well, when things considered minor today would have taken my own life just a few years ago.

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Ethel K. MacNeal Scottish Harp Scholarship awarded to Cathcart

Royce Neil McNeill, FSA Scot, Chairperson, COSCA (Council of Scottish Clans & Associations) Scottish Harp Scholarship Committee, announces that Mrs. Cynthia Cathcart of Silver Springs, Maryland is the 2003 scholarship winner.

Mrs. Cathcart has studied harp for nine years with Bill Taylor, Alison Kinnaird, and Ann Heymann. She will use the scholarship funds for private study with a Smithsonian Scholar in early music or to study with a member of the Folger Consort.

Mrs. Cathcart has won the National Harp title twice, once in Texas and once at Grandfather Mountain. She has presented concerts at St. James Episcopal, St. Paul's - the Diocesan Convention at the National Cathedral and was the opening concert at the Somerset Harp Festival. She is also a pianist.

She is connected to Scotland by Clans Ogilvie, Hamilton, Lamont and Macneil. She is a Friend of Fraser.

Those interested in applying for the 2004 Ethel K. MacNeal Scottish Harp Scholarship may contact Royce Neil McNeill, COSCA, 1824 Stoneyridge Dr., Charlotte, NC 28214.

COSCA AGM set for July 2003 at Grandfather Mountain

The Council of Scottish Clans and associations invites representatives from all Scottish Clan Organizations - both members and nonmembers - and interested parties to the 2003 Annual General Meeting set for Saturday, July 12, 2003 at the Chief's Tent, 1 PM at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

COSCA Board Meeting set for Friday, July 11, 2003

The Executive Board of the Council of Scottish Clans & Associations will hold its Annual General Meeting at 9 AM on Friday, July 11, 2003 at the Chief's Tent. The meeting is for COSCA officers, trustees and invited guests.

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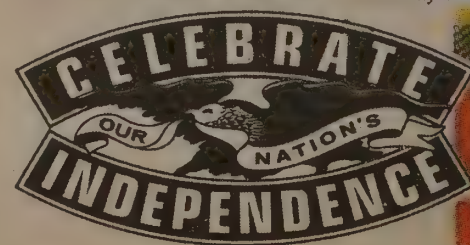
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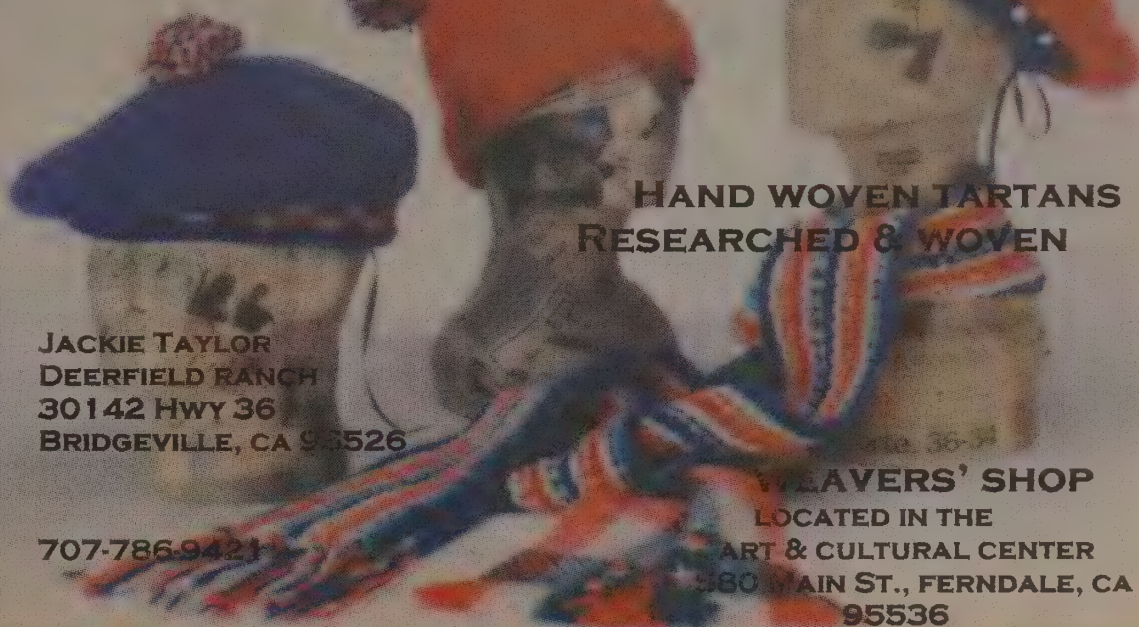
The Annual General Meeting, which will feature elections of five members of the Board of Directors, will be held in conjunction with these games on Saturday, October 4, after the conclusion of the field activities.

A board meeting will be held during the day. Jeanette Simpson and Kath Gambill are planning another tea for the AGM which will be an event not to be missed. The annual meeting and the tea will be held in the meeting room of the Hampton Inn.

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Robert Burns Lives!

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Meet Dr. Thomas C. Burns, our guest columnist. To know Tom Burns is to love him! There is a warmth about this man that draws you to him. We are fellow members of both the Burns Club of Atlanta and the St. Andrews Society of Atlanta. Proudly, we are fellow members of the kilt - he of Clan Campbell and me of Clans Shaw and Chattan. I admire Tom Burns for his great sense of humor. After all, he says of his favorite single-malt, "I can drink it but can't spell it." He is 98% sure he is a direct descendant of Rabbie's uncle but readily confesses he "only inherited my talented great uncle's less desirable characteristics." Neither is he sure of "how many English I've killed with my claymore (lost count)." You'd have to know Tom to appreciate his humor. He will never be found guilty of taking himself too seriously, and that gets us back to the first sentence in this paragraph.

Tom enjoys history, particularly military history. He is currently in the middle of Victor David Hanson's *Carnage and Culture*. He enjoys gatherings of Scots, "no matter for what agenda," and has been known "to melt in the presence of pipe bands and tattoos." He is the owner of a "faithful-but-goofy Polish lowland sheep dog." When asked the name of the dog, he replied with his never ending wit, "Marna (his wife) is a Wallace. She named the dog. You do the math." In his workshop he displays an artistic side, making beautiful long-stemmed copper roses that recipients, like my wife Susan, promptly put on display in their living rooms for all to see and admire.

Thomas C. Burns received his Ph.D. in biopsychology from the University of Georgia in 1974 after earning his baccalaureate degree in psychology in 1961 from Emory University in Atlanta. While an assistant professor at Armstrong State College in Savannah, Georgia in the 70s, he was also engaged in private practice. Tom is currently Adjunct Professor at Mercer University and has been in private practice in the Atlanta area since 1989.

This scholarly man is as down home as one could ask for, and to spend an evening with him and his lovely wife, Marna, is a joy indeed. It is both an honor and a privilege for me to share with our readers his speech given on January 18, 2003, to the St. Andrews Society Burns Dinner at the Druid Hills Golf Club in Atlanta. (FRS, 4-16-03)

A Toast to the Immortal Memory of Robert Burns

Thomas C. Burns, Ph.D.

I saw a bumper sticker once that said: "I want to die in my sleep like my grandfather, not yelling and screaming like the passengers in his car." Tonight I am mindful of the fact that we may have some grandfathers - and grandmothers - here, so my remarks will be brief.

The world is divided into two kinds of people: those that divide the world into two kinds of people and those who don't. I had always considered myself, to whatever extent I thought about it (which wasn't very much), to be a member of the latter group, I never much believed in categorizing folks in any kind of way. But in considering what remarks I might make about Robert Burns tonight, I realized that there is one area where I belong to the former group. I think pain, be it physical or emotional, demands a response, and that response is going to be either a negative one, in which the individual becomes despairing, hopeless, even bitter, or a positive one in which the individual is elevated, or ennobled by the pain, finding some way to transcend it.

Pain just doesn't leave us much middle ground. It is too urgent—too insistent. We may not realize that it requires a choice from us, or even that we are making one, but we are. As a clinical psychologist, I see people all day who show the pain they hide from everyone else, and I watch the choices they make. Over the years, I have concluded that making positive choices in the face of pain is a test of our character, and certainly one of the most demanding ones.

Burns' life was a painful one, both physically and emotionally. He experienced the pain of privation, of physical illness, of heavy responsibilities assumed while young, of hard labor, and yes, of heartbreak. It is true that much of the pain of heartbreak is self-imposed, but we all know the anguish is no less for that. Overall, Burns led a life that anyone would say was rich in tragedy. And while it is clear that Burns had his periods of hopelessness and despair, the sum of his life is a song that sings above the sad strains of the events of his life. It is a life in which his works transcend his anguish.

Burns is not the only writer or artist to have suffered, indeed most have. Perhaps suffering acts to burn away the trivial, forcing us to look at what is true, and what is beautiful, and what is good. For these are all that will endure. Indeed, these are what have endured from the suffering of Robert Burns, a writer who was just a man—for a'that, and a'that.

Burns fans may recognize that phrase from Burns' poem (my favorite) with the title *Is There for Honest Poverty*, although I usually refer to it simply as "*A Man's a Man*." In the second verse of this poem, he writes what could be called a summary of his *raison d'être*.

*What though on homely fare we dine,
Wear coarse gray woolen, and all that?
Give fools their silks, and knaves their wine -
A man's a man for all that.
For all that, and all that,
Their tinsel show, and all that,
The honest man, though ever so poor,
Is king of men for all that.*

This wonderful little poem tells us something about Burns' ability to transcend the anguish that had plagued his own life. Rather than bewail his fate, he instead sings the praises of the true values of character as distinguished from the chimera of material possessions. Not only is this poem a succinct celebration of simple goodness—an admonition on how to be a man, but Burns may also be reminding himself to avoid the seduction of wealth and fame, something he was able to do—sort of.

I also wondered why Burns' life is commemorated with a dinner. Why not a Burns Anniversary Convention, a BurnsFest, or perhaps even a Burnsapalooza? Why a dinner?

As I thought about it, I realized that we tend to use commemorative dinners rarely—and only for very special observations. The Seder supper, for example, is celebrated in the Jewish faith as a historical pageant in which the important stories of Jewish history are remembered through the symbolic foods

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Burns statue in Wyoming?

Did you know?

Cheyenne, Wyoming is one of the few cities outside of Scotland that has a statue of Robert Burns that was sculpted by H. S. Gamely of Edinburgh. The statue is located in a small park between Cary and Pioneer Avenue on 26th Street. It was erected in 1929 by a Wyoming pioneer, and admirer of Burns, Mary Gilcrest, who came from Scotland as a young woman.

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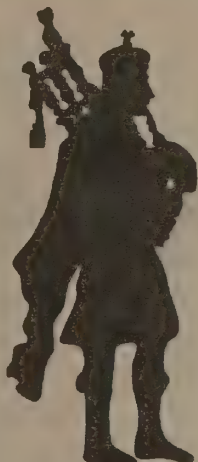
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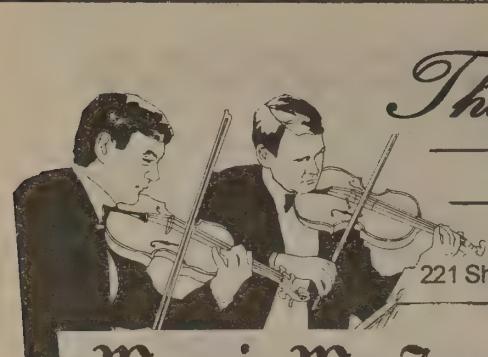
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Maggie MacInnes and her music...from Barra

Our Guest Columnist

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Maggie MacInnes is one of Scotland's foremost Gaelic singers and clarsach players, and has performed with various groups including Ossian, Fuaim and Eclipse First. She comes from a long line of singers from the island of Barra in the Outer Hebrides of Scotland, learning most of her songs from her mother, the renowned traditional singer Flora MacNeil. Her latest recording *Spiorad Beatha - The Spirit of Life* is available at <www.scotsmarket.com> or 1.800.441.5481.

Songs have been a big part of life in my family for generations and thanks to this inheritance I have been lucky to travel with my music to many fascinating places and to meet many wonderful people.

When I find myself singing in places such as Moscow, Russia, or Theatres in Italy, Germany, U.S.A. or Canada, I often think of what my granny or my great granny would have thought not only of my experiences, but of hearing, in these far off places, the songs which they loved so much but took for granted to some extent as simply being part of life.

My great granny, Cairistiona Gillies, was born on the island of Mingulay at the south end of the Outer Hebrides of Scotland. Her parents had been forcibly cleared from the island of Barra by the landlord at the time in the 1830s. While some emigrated to Canada, others went to neighbouring islands such as Mingulay to try to continue their lives of crofting and fishing. Mingulay is a particularly beautiful but very remote and rocky island. Life there must have been very difficult but in these situations people work together and communities are strong. In that environment, storytelling and song was a big part of life and songs would be sung while working or gathering socially in each others homes. Apparently, Cairistiona Gillies sang a lot of "worksongs" and, for example, would sing while spinning wool or churning milk. Apart from the work songs she would sing at night in the house with friends and one of her favourite songs is also now one of my favourites. It is a

very moving lament called *Oranna Bantraich* (The song of the Widow). The song tells of a woman who has watched a boat sink presumably after hitting rocks or a reef just off the coast. The boat was carrying her three brothers, her father and her husband, Angus from Barra.

Mingulay has been uninhabited since 1912 and the story of the island is a bit like the story of the island of St. Kilda, although much less well known. Isolation, absentee landlords, and insufficient fertile land, all contributed to the evacuation of the island. Before my granny on my mother's side was born, Cairistiona, and her husband Michael, returned the family to Barra. Following the setting up of the Crofters Commission around 1883, larger farms were broken up into small crofts and Lots were drawn to assign small crofts to those coming from Mingulay. The croft my great grandparents received was in Garrygall, Castlebay and it amounted to around 3 acres of quite rocky land.

My mother's mother, Annie Gillies, was born on Barra and the songs and stories continued to be an important part of life. The remoteness of Mingulay and Barra from the outside world clearly contributed to the survival of a strong oral tradition going back for centuries.

My mother, Flora MacNeil, was born in Barra in 1928. She talks of never consciously learning the songs and she seems to have "soaked them up" while growing up on the island. Telling stories and singing songs when neighbours would gather together were the main source of entertainment in those days. The singing tradition appears to have been strongest amongst the women but then many of the men would have to leave home, sometimes for years at a time, to go to sea sending money home when they could. Whether the men were in the Merchant Navy or just private fishermen, the running of the croft along with the rearing of children was usually the work of the women and many of the songs were sung while working.

My granny, Annie Gillies, her

sister Mary and brother Neil were all keen singers and great uncle Neil was also a noted Storyteller. The love of singing came primarily from a love of the poetry and stories in the songs. No-one talked of quality of voice, as no-one was performing the songs, just singing them because they loved them and enjoyed sharing them with each other. Songs were composed and sung unaccompanied and this fact has contributed to the use of ornamentation and vocables in the songs which help to give the songs a distinctive character.

In and around the 1950s, when my granny could afford a wireless (radio), there was a 15 minute Gaelic song recital broadcast once each week. These recitals usually involved trained singers singing Gaelic songs with formal voices and classical style piano accompaniments. My granny certainly thought that the recitals were very far removed from the way she would sing but nonetheless she was simply pleased that Gaelic was being broadcast on the radio at all!

From the time she could talk, my mother learned or "absorbed" literally hundreds of song from her mother, aunt and uncle and also from other singers on the island. At the age of 4 she could sing one of the greatest of the *Orain Mor*, called *Mo Run Geal Og* (My Fair Young Love), with its rich and complex poetry. This lament is said to have been composed by the widow of William Chisholm, who was the Standard Bearer at the Battle of Culloden, after his death.

My mother then took her songs with her (in her head of course!), when she left Barra at 19 years of age in 1948 and went to work in Edinburgh. It was around this time that mum began to be asked more and more to perform these songs at ceilidhs and concerts. She came to the attention of some of the Gaelic poets and academics living in Edinburgh at that time who were fascinated by the amount of stunning traditional songs this young woman knew. Many other Gaels were not interested in these songs and they were certainly not the fashionable Gaelic songs of the day.

Nevertheless, mum was encouraged to keep singing these songs she loved by people such as, Derek Thomson and the late Sorley MacLean, two highly respected Gaelic poets, Calum MacLean, Sorley's brother and a very important folklorists and collector of Gaelic music, Professor John MacInnes then of the School of Scottish Studies, and the late Norman McCaig a world famous poet (although not in the Gaelic language). She was also recorded by the famous American folklorist and collector, Ian Lomax. In the 1950s there was what is often referred to as a Folk Music Revival in Scotland and in 1951 mum took part in the first People's Festival in Edinburgh which has now gone down in history as a landmark event at the start of the said Revival. And so, it is around that time that my mother's long singing career began and the songs of my family were taken out of the everyday crofting and fishing life to places such as London, Washington, DC, Cape Breton in Nova Scotia, Paris, Stockholm... the list goes on.

I am glad my granny was alive to see what these songs had done for my mum and she at least lived long enough to pass on to me a few songs and see my love for them, although she was not to know and did not expect me to make the singing of these songs my profession.

Getting back to the journeys of these songs, I would like to stress that many of the songs I have learned from my granny and mother came into existence many years before they were born and often came from other islands or the mainland of Scotland. We cannot date many of the songs although some songs such as *Mo Run Geal Og* (above) mention a particular event from history, which allows us to get a rough idea of when they were composed. Other songs have been dated back to 12th Century and, as I said, many remain a mystery.

It is a very special feeling performing, especially for international audiences, these ancient songs which I know my ancestors sang. The most important thing I would

like to say at this point is that the reason I continue to sing these songs is not because they are part of my ancient family tradition but because they are so beautiful and a real joy to sing.

When I performed at the First International Celtic Music Festival of Moscow in 2000 I was struck by the reaction of the Russians to the songs. I think it is partly because, due to obvious political reasons, they have lost so many of their traditions and so much of their traditional music. To hear me introduce a song, as a song which I know was a favourite of my great granny around 1870 was amazing and wonderful to them. I must say that when I sang one song in particular called *Laoidh Mhoire Mhaighdeann* a "Hymn to Our Lady", composed by Sileas MacDonald of Keppoch in the early 18th Century, very many people spoke to me about it enthusiastically after the concert. I had explained to the audience that my great aunt, Mary Gillies, used to sing this song which tells the story of Jesus Christ from his birth to his death, to her mother, Cairistiona, when she was old and frail, as a form of helping her to pray. The melody is very chant-like and hypnotic and although I sing only a fragment of the whole song in concert, I have been surprised and pleased that it touches so many people's hearts and I don't mean only those of a Christian faith. I must also say that with songs such as this one there appears to be little or no language barrier.

I have spoken of the musical tradition on my mother's side only and I would like to tell you a wee story that concerns another journey made by a member of my father's family due to her knowledge not only of songs but also the skill of spinning wool. My father's family all come from Barra also and his father, Donald MacInnes, had a sister, Mary MacInnes who later married and became Mrs. Mary Morrison. In 1938 she was asked to go to Glasgow with her spinning wheel and take part in the British Empire Exhibition in Glasgow, where she was introduced to King George VI and Queen Elizabeth the current Queen's mother. Mary would sing many songs while spinning and a great interest was taken in her. After the exhibition she was invited to San Francisco to perform

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enjoyed all of them, but in particular *God Bless America, Rally 'Round the Flag, Dixie, Yankee Doodle, Nearer My God to Thee, When Johnny Comes Marching Home, In the Gloaming, and Amazing Grace*. Tell us about the CD, and is it sold separately?

A: The *Remembrance* CD is an all-acoustic collection of songs that were originally played and sung by soldiers and the people that waited for them to come home. The songs span the different eras of American history, and some even go farther back than that. For example, the Revolutionary War-era ballad "Johnny Has Gone for a Soldier" has its origins in the Irish lament "Shule Aroon" from 1691 when William of Orange crushed an Irish revolt.

The musicians on it are all pretty amazing. To me, the level and diversity of musicianship on the CD is stunning. They're all my friends and are from all over the country, from California to Texas, from North Carolina to New Hampshire. I'm fortunate to know so many incredible guitarists. I didn't even pick mine up; I just sang and played harmonica. We recorded in an old grange hall in New Hampshire, at home and in studios across the country where and when we could, and put it all together from start to finish in about two months.

Because of the nature of the book, we had a unique chance to really focus on the tenderness and emotion of the songs. It's a quiet, reflective collection, and it feels like it really captures the humanity behind the history.

The CD also features spoken word readings by Pulitzer-prize winning poet Louis Simpson, who is a World War II veteran and a very inspiring man. We were also lucky enough to have 93-year-old Irene Carlisle read her poem "The Welder." Irene is an original "Rosie the Riveter" and the poem first appeared in the Saturday Evening Post during WWII.

The CD is available both with the book and separately. It can

be purchased at www.veterantribute.com. People have really responded to it, and I'm putting together a touring group of musicians to perform *Remembrance* throughout the U.S.

Q: How does one go about purchasing this book and CD that I cannot recommend too highly? Please give us the complete details.

A: You can order *Remembrance* on the website - go to www.veterantribute.com. You can email us at info@veterantribute.com or phone us at 845-986-9861. Or mail a note to Iron Mt Press, P.O. Box 7, New Milford, NY, 10959. We love to hear from people. I think we have enough material for another book from all the great stories that people tell us - everyone has a connection to a veteran somewhere in their life.

Q: Thank you for your cooperation and the courtesies you have extended to me during our chat. Is there a final word the two of you would like to leave with our readers?

A: First of all, we would like to thank you for your interest in *Remembrance* and for your continual fostering of the Scottish heritage. We are thankful for our Scottish legacy. Our family both here and abroad has always been very supportive. We have both spent time in Scotland and have a great love for our people. Aye, the blood does run strong. May God bless America and our beautiful Scotland. (5-12-03)

Missouri Online Documents available

In March 2003 Missouri Secretary of State Matt Blunt announced the availability online of a database index to St. Louis Probate Court records from 1804 to 1900. The pre-state probate documents have also been digitized and are online at www.sos.state.mo.us/archives. Missouri records from the 1800s will also be digitized, and they are expected to be available online by December of 2003.

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and she went there by boat in 1939 returning just before World War Two broke out. I don't know any details of her trip but I am sure it was quite a culture shock for her to leave Barra and arrive in San Francisco at that time.

Certainly, taking these songs onto a concert platform and adding instrumentation, as I often do, changes something about them but I do not think that there is anything wrong with that in itself. If you sing the songs from the heart, and if you are using instruments sensitively, leaving plenty of room for the beauty of the melodies and the words to shine through, I think that the music can help paint the pictures of the songs without taking anything away from them. I believe that these songs should be heard by as many people as possible and not preserved only in archives and glass cases. After all, this is a living language and tradition which should be celebrated and encouraged although the unbroken links to the past should not be forgotten.

I have spoken of the incredible journeys these songs have made over the years and the fact that, despite all odds and political anti-Gaelic feeling especially since the Jacobite Rebellion of 1745, it is a testament to the power and worth of these songs that they are still sung today and will be, I hope, for a long time after many of us who are currently travelling with them are gone.



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more, Maryland, editor; Second Prize was won by editor Jackie Utley of Jackson, Tennessee with *The Utley Family Update*. Third Prize winner is Win Haskell of Pfaffenrot,

Germany with *The Newsletter of the International Haskell Family Society*. In this category, *The Self Family Newsletter* Daniel C. McCarthy and Cheryl E. McCarthy of

Calhoun, Georgia, editors and the *Legan-Admire Newsletter*, Gerald Legan, editor of Kankakee, Illinois both were awarded Honorable Mentions.

Scottish Games Programs was won by The Caledonian Club of San Francisco program, Art Ball and Floyd Busby editors.

Other Than Scots Clan Publications - under 25 pages - category was won by *The Rampant Lion*, Dixon Scottish Cultural Association, Don Burns, editor of Dixon, California. *News for Kin n' Freen*, Carleton MacRae Cook of Orlando, Florida editor was awarded Second Place. *The Tartan Thistle* - The Scottish Heritage Society of Rochester, New York, Raymond Rushton, editor, won Third Place. *The Palmetto & Thistle*, Rich Shader of Melbourne, Florida was awarded Honourable Mention.

Burns Night Programs category was won by Raymond Rushton's publication for 2003.

Surname Society Magazine - Loose Sheet Format - was won by *Diggin' for Davises*, Richard R. Dietz of Temple City, California.

Historical Society Magazine Category - under 50

pages - was won by *The Shelby County Historical Society, Inc., Quarterly* with Diane B. Seales of Columbiana, Alabama the editor.

Surname Society publications - under 50 pages - was won by *The Stovall Journal*, Sandra Perry of Fort Worth, Texas, editor. Second Place was awarded to the Descendants of Friedrich Carl and Anna Catharina Christlieb - The Christlieb-Christlieb-Crislip Family Association, *Jacob's Ladder*, edited by Ned Crislip.

The Scottish Harp Society of America, Cynthia Cathcart, editor, has won their category of **Musical Society Magazine** with their Journal of The Scottish Harp Society of America, Inc., *The Kilt and Harp*.

Genealogical Society Magazine - over 50 pages - category was won by *The Alabama Genealogical Society Magazine*. Marcia K. Collier of Titus, Alabama is the editor. Second place was awarded to *The Madison County, Florida, Genealogical News*, Elmer Spears, editor.

Family Research Society category was won by *Carolina Trees & Branches* from Elizabeth City, North Carolina. Gloria Wesner, Jean Spencer,

Anita Whitehurst coeditors.

Genealogical Library Publications category was won by *Elmer's Genealogy Library News* from Elmer's Genealogy Library, Elmer Spears, Madison, Florida, editor.

Genealogical Society Newsletter - under 10 pages - was won by *Relatively Speaking, The Tinley Moraine Genealogist Newsletter*, Jeanne Duffy, of Chicago, Illinois, editor.

Italian Genealogical Publication - First Place: *POINT-POINTers*, from Las Vegas, Nevada. The editor is Thomas E. Militello, MD.

In the **Health Category** - *The Thornton Family Chiropractic Health Letter* was the winner. The editor is Dr. Sean Reif, D.C., P.C. of Thornton, Colorado.

Scottish Clan Newsletter - under 50 pages - category was won by *The Sporrán, News from The Clan Davidson Society*, Richard Halliley and David G. Chagnon.

St. Andrews Society Publications - under 25 pages - was won by *Scots' Speak*, John McGee Rogers, editor of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

Scottish Clan Newsletter - under 10 pages - category was won by *Am fear-*

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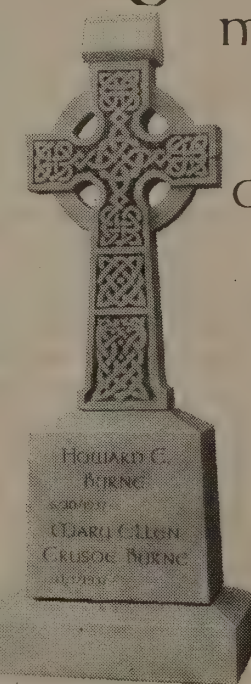
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You may visit <<http://www.newenglandancestors.org/articles/research/?pageId+659&attrib1=1&seq num=204>> to see more articles by Dr. Knights. You may also see the January/February 2003 Family Chronicle for two articles.

Because of space, we are serializing this article.

If you would like to read it in its entirety, please visit <<http://electricsscotland.com>> and see the February/March 2003 issue of The Family Tree. Many thanks to Dr. Knights for this grand article!



Continued from our last issue

Haplotype data bases are continually being improved, concentrating on geographical areas or attempting to link your family with various ethnic groups. We can expect many innovations in this field and correlations among ethnic predispositions and various medical conditions may prove to be very useful to present and future families. We strongly endorse collection and preservation of DNA from recently deceased persons, especially if they will be cremated, because so much valuable DNA information is now being lost forever - information which could help spare future generations from serious medical problems through early diagnosis, treatment or even prevention.

Unexpected, unwanted outcomes

Researchers in molecular biology have received enthusiastic support from many genealogists and others who are generousl generously making their DNA available for scientific studies, and some of the genomic findings have already rewritten history and heavily pruned some family trees, replacing fiction with facts. Genomics is a two-edged sword, and the findings aren't always those that were expected, were desired, or ones that conform with current definitions of "politically correct." Humans are prone to making mistakes and all levels of behavior, many of which reshaped some prominent family pedigrees. Like George Washington, genomics may chop down the family's cherry tree, but unlike George, genomics can create new ones. Many of these family trees have flourished, albeit under assumed names. DNA fingerprinting is one of the more highly developed subspecialties of genomics.

Forensic and medical capabilities of DNA interpretations

may have progressed farther than is generally appreciated by someone contributing a personal DNA sample to a group study that includes large numbers of total strangers with similar surnames. This tiny sample can provide a wealth of personal information and in the future, even more will become available. Already, DNA can produce a genetic "photofit" which can determine hair color, eye color and ethnic appearance. It can reveal the presence of or predisposition to an ever-increasing number of serious medical diseases involving every body system and predict the manner in which they can be transmitted to future generations. Nuclear DNA abnormalities are most commonly associated with well-recognized disease patterns, as occur in various types of cancer, heart disease, diabetes, neurological and mental disorders, and diseases of specific organs. Mitochondrial DNA is trickier; because it's involved with providing energy through oxidative phosphorylation, its mutations play roles in diseases affecting organs which require much energy or it works in concert with nuclear DNA to cause complex disease syndromes.

This information can be very useful to a family which is attempting to recognize, treat or prevent a serious medical condition. It also can have devastating psychological impacts which require genetic counselling, might affect insurability and have serious legal liabilities.

We are not questioning the motives of the now vast majority of university or commercial laboratories currently engaged in DNA research and analysis, but unfortunately, the paths genealogist are following are full of legal potholes. The genealogist needs to understand the scope and the limitations of any signed "informed consent" and to realize that there is currently no uniformity in state laws controlling medical record confidentiality. There are multiple

other legal problems which involve DNA banking, care of DNA samples, limitations on research and dissemination of results, possible subpoena of DNA by courts, etc. Retrieval

of DNA samples from a distant central bank by a surviving relative could easily become a complicated matter. There is need for uniformity and a single national policy concerning all these legal matters.

Right now, it's chaotic.

Genealogical uses for DNA are not the primary ones, which remain in the fields of medicine and forensic science, but they are nevertheless very valuable and can provide answers to problems that could be solved in no other way. Medical studies have already passed through the genetic phase and now involve genomic phases and post-genomic aspects. We predict that genealogists will depend increasingly upon genomic data for verifying or disproving genealogical concepts. Researching records may be more fun, but genomic research will be fascinating, too, if only because the outcomes, at least now, are reliable but so unpredictable. Princes may become paupers; paupers may beget princes. The rules of the games haven't changed - we'll just have to play by them more carefully from now on.

One last suggestion

One last suggestion: We are using an emerging technology which is continually improving. Improvements mean changes and changes lead to confusion. Newly discovered loci and mutations will replace some of those in wide current use and the present ones may be assigned new names. New methodology will also affect the reporting format. And, as in the rest of the business world, there are always business failures and corporate mergers, so your favorite laboratory may suddenly disappear. In order to protect all of the

time, energy and expense your family has invested in genomic research, you might consider one more step. When DNA samples are submitted, collect one more sample from each participant, but don't submit it. Instead, have it preserved by lyophilization and establish your own private family DNA

bank, available for unforeseen future needs. You won't even have to refrigerate the preserved DNA, as room temperature storage will suffice. Someday your family will be glad you saved those previous DNA samples when they were so readily available.

And, may the Genie of Genomic Genealogy smile upon your family!

Pinellas Genealogist creates a DVD presentation

The Pinellas Society has created a DVD presentation "Cemetery Tour Vol. 1 and Vol. 2." Each DVD is broken into four segments with scene selection for viewing ease. On this tour, the Pinellas Genealogy Society Cemetery Chair, Lesleigh Butts and videographer, Ann Cantlin, take viewers through many of the cemeteries in the area. Brief history and interesting stories are included during the tour.

For more information visit <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~flpgs/pgs-forsale.htm>>.

Missouri Database available now

The Missouri State Archives has a database of over 185,000 records of births, stillbirths, and deaths in the state of Missouri prior to 1909. For more information go to <<http://www.sos.state.mo.us/archives/resources>>.

Now you can be "Cornwall Connected"

Radio Cornwall launched "Cornwall Connected" on Sunday 29th September at 3-6pm. "With 6 million people around the globe claiming Cornish ancestry, it's right that they should be able to have this direct link with the Homeland," said Chris Blout, the host of the program.

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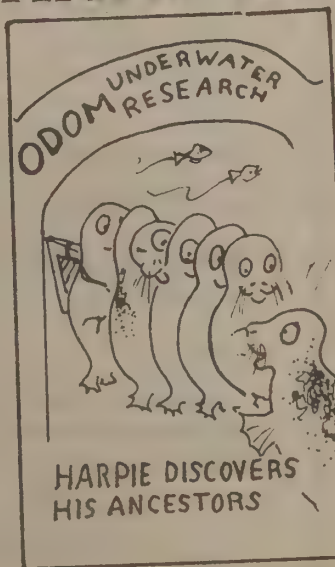
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Ruffner Family Reunion set for Prescott, Arizona

The Ruffner Family Reunion will be held in Prescott, Arizona on June 20, 21, and 22 at Hotel St. Michael. All descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman who settled in Luray, Virginia in the early 1700's and anyone who is researching collateral lines are welcome.

For more information email <www.ruffnerfamily.org>, <ruffwood@shentel.net>, <jokeried@aol.com>, <jruffner@bellsouth.net>, or <pyramid@shentel.net>.



More reunions! Family fun!

Mathis family plans a reunion

The descendants of Henry Scott Mathis and Sarah Jane Carroll will gather

for a family reunion at the Cookson, Oklahoma Community Center, Wednesday, June 18th through Saturday, June 21, 2003. The reunion events include lunch, talent exhibits, boat cruise, breakfast, bus tour, photo crop, story exchange, mixer, BBQ dinner, and a dance.

For more information call or email Randy Mathis at 281-655-8832 or <rsmathis@sbcglobal.net>.

The Ancestry of Chamberlin and Grant

By June G. Henderson

Volume One contains the old royal and titled families of England, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Jerusalem, Portugal, Scandinavia, Scotland, Sicily, Slavs-Bulgars-Poles, Spain, and Wales, with all the famous royalty and many of the obscure names. It spans the period of about 400 A. D. to about 1600 A. D. It contains lines of descent and extensive information on each individual, and their connections to each other, and to American immigrants. **Volumes Two and Three** contain all of the allied families listed here, more than 500 individual families. These are in addition to the families in Volume One. These also have lines of descent and extensive information on most individuals, and their connections to each other. The work was compiled from many sources, and there are 20 pages of titles of reference materials that were used. There is a 300 page index of individual names.

Individual family names include: Abbot, Abitot, Adams, Aguillon, Aigle, Alesbury, Andevill, Appleton, Arderne, Astley, Atherton, Atkinson, Aubigny, Audley, Avenes, Bacon, Badcock, Badlesmere, Baldwin, Baliol, Ballard, Banastre, Barbour, Bardolf, Baskerville, Basset, Batchelder, Baudement, Baugency, Bayford, Beamsley, Beauchamp, Beaumont, Beke, Belknap, Belmeis, Berkeley, Birmingham, Berners, Bertram, Betteshorne, Bigod, Bliss, Blott, Blount, Bodrigan, Bohun, Bois, Bold, Bolebec, Bonville, Booth, Bosworth, Boteler, Bouchier, Bourne, Bowet, Boyse, Bradshaw, Braiose, Bray, Brewer, Bright, Briwere, Browne, Bruce, Bryan, Bulkeley, Bullard, Bulmer, Bures, Burgh, Burghersh, Burnell, Bury, Busli, Butler, Byfield, Calthorpe, Camville, Carew, Carpenter, Carter, Chamberlin, Champernon, Chandler, Chapel, Chapin, Chapman, Chatillon, Chaucombe, Chaworth, Cherleton, Chesney, Clare, Clark, Clavering, Clifford, Clyvedon, Cobham, Cogan, Colburn, Cole, Coley, Conant, Condet, Condy, Converse, Cooke, Corbet, Cotton, Coucy, Courcelles, Courtenay, Coven, Cram, Crane, Crispin, Curwen, Dacre, Davenport, Deincourt, Deiville, Dispenser, Devereux, Doolittle, Douai, Dover, Driver, Dunstanville, Dunster, Dunton, Durham, Dwight, Easton, Eaton, Ellis, Elwell, Endicott, Engaine, Eschauffon, Espec, Essex, Everard, Everingham, Fairbanks, Farrer, Fauconberg, Felch, Felt, Felton, Ferrers, Fiennes, Fisher, Fiske, Fitz Allen, Fitz Eustace, Fitz Gerald, Fitz Hamon, Fitz Herbert, Fitz Hugh, Fitz John, Fitz Neel, Fitz Osborn, Fitz Payne, Fitz Randolph, Fitz Reinfrid, Fitz Richard, Fitz Roger, Fitz Roy, Fitz Scrob, Fitz Walter, Fitz Warin, Fitz William, Fleming, Floyd, Forthe, Fougères, Foxwell, Francis, French, Frowick, Fuller, Furnival, Gant, Gardner, Garlande, Gawkroger-Platts, Gay, Geneville, Giffard, Glanville, Goffe, Goodspeed, Gournay, Goushill, Grafton, Grandison, Grandemesnil, Grant, Greene, Grenville, Grey, Greystroke, Guildford, Halden, Hampden, Hanslape, Harcourt, Harington, Hasey, Haskell, Hastang, Hastings, Haute, Havering, Haye, Hayward, Heath, Heaton, Hederse, Henderson, Herrick, Heydon, Heywood, Hildreth, Hill, Hills, Holbrook, Holland, Holmes, Holt, Holyoke, Hommet, Hoo, Houghton, House, Howland, Hudson, Hulton, Hunting, Huntingfield, Hurst, Ibelin, Ide, Ingersoll, Isaac, Ivory, Jackson, Jacob, Janes, Jasper, Johnson, Jones, Josselyn, Judd, Juxon, Kendall, Kerrich, Kingsley, Knight, Knovill, Lacy, Lakin, Lane, Laskin, Legh, Leland, Leon, Lestrangle, Leuchars, Lewis, Leyburn, Lingen, Linton, Lisle, Lisours, Londres, Long, Longespee, Lothrop, Lovaine, Lovel, Lovett, Lucy, Ludlow, Lunt, Lusignan, Luttrell, Luvetot, Mains, Mainwaring, Malet, Man, Mandeville, Mansfield, Marmion, Marshall, Martin, Marynes, Mason, Mauduit, Mauley, Mautravers, May, Mohun, Molyneux, Monck, Montacute, Montfitchet, Montfort, Montgomery, Monthermer, Monthlery, Montmorency, Morrill, Morse, Mortimer, Morville, Mousall, Mowbray, Mowry, Multon, Munchensi, Muscegros, Muston, Neufmarche, Neville, Nevinson, Newburgh, Newcomb, Newhall, Northwood, Norwich, Oldcastle, Orreby, Pantulf, Partridge, Paynel, Pecche, Peck, Penny, Perkins, Peverel, Phillips, Pidge, Pierrepont, Pilkington, Pinson, Plessis, Plumpton, Pole, Pomeroy, Port, Potter, Poynings, Pratt, Prentice, Prescott, Proctor, Prudden, Puiset, Putnam, Quincy, Radcliffe, Randall, Redvers, Redway, Reyner, Reynolds, Rickard, Ridell, Ridellisford, Rie, Riggs, Roche, Roet, Rokesley, Ros, Russell, Sable, St. Amand, St. Hilary, St. Liz, St. Quintin, St. Valerie, Salisbury, Sanford, Sanger, Sawyer, Say, Scales, Scrope, Searle, Seaver, Segrave, Sexton, Shepard, Shoresworth, Skelton, Skinner, Skipwith, Smith, Snow, Somery, Sprague, Squire, Stafford, Standish, Stanley, Stapleton, Steele, Stockton, Stokeport, Stone, Stowe, Strange, Sturgeon, Stuteville, Sudeley, Sutton, Swain, Symmes, Taillebois, Talbot, Talcott, Tancarville, Temple, Teyes, Thompson, Thorpe, Throop, Tibetot, Tidd, Tilley, Toeni, Tompkins, Totnes, Touchett, Townsend, Tracy, Trafford, Travis, Tregoz, Trussebot, Trussell, Turnham, Tuttle, Twitchell, Tybbot, Ufford, Umfreville, Upham, Urswick, Valence, Valoignes, Vavasour, Verdon, Vere, Vipont, Vitre, Wake, Walcott, Waleys, Waller, Walton, Ward, Ware, Warfield, Warren, Waters, Weare, Welles, Wells, Weyland, Wheatley, Whetehill, White, Whiting, Whitney, Willard, Willoughby, Wilson, Wiseman, Wood, Woodville, Woodward, Worsley, Wright, Wydeville, Wyeth, Wythe, Young, Zouche.

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Hatfield-McCoy Reunion Festival 2003

The Hartsfield-McCoy reunion will start Thursday, June 12 - Sunday, June 15.

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A barbecue is scheduled for Friday, June 13 at the Pikeville College Gym.

The annual softball game will also continue. If you would like to sign up for softball (men and ladies) and for more information on this reunion, contact Ron @ <mccoy1963@aol.com>.

**Annual Conference for Mock's, etc.**

The Mock, Mauk, Mack, and Maag family is holding their 12th Annual Conference on September 19-21, 2003 in Salt Lake City, Utah at the Salt Lake City Plaza Hotel.

For more information write Barbara Dittig, 366 Jacaranda Drive, Danville, CA 94506 or email <bdittig@aol.com> and <http://mock.rootsweb.com>.

Leuenberger/Lionberger family reunion planned for Independence, Missouri

This is a National Family Reunion for the Leuenberger/Lionberger family planned for Independence, Missouri on June 19, 20, and 21 of 2003.

For more information contact Charlotte Lionberger Tindall at 502 North Roger Independence, MO 64050-3213 or call 816-254-8696.

Toolkit, Stuart Nixon, continued from page 6 A

readers is the section on Internet sites where you will find census information. Although the descriptions of each site sound like the companies in question may have had a hand in writing them, the descriptions are still quite useful.

Both Dollarhide's book and this one provide reproducible worksheets for collecting census data. The sheets vary in format according to the questions asked in each census year.

3. *Your Guide to the Federal Census for Genealogists, Researchers, and Family Historians* by Kathleen W.

Hinckley. If you want to pursue census research to even greater lengths than the above two books contemplate, you should consider Kathleen Hinckley's in-depth survey of census records and how to work with them. By necessity, Hinckley covers essentially the same ground as Dollarhide, Szucs, and Wright, but she does so in more analytical detail, with numerous asides to help reveal the amount of personal history buried in the enumerators' script.

For example, in her chapter on "Research Strategies," she cites the case of James and Margaret Brown, who appear in the 1900 Census for Denver, Colorado. James is not someone you have ever heard of, but Margaret most assuredly is. You know her as the steamship Titanic's "Unsinkable Molly Brown." Hinckley recreates the day the census taker visited Molly's neighborhood, showing the exact route the enumerator (a woman) took as she made her rounds of a section of downtown Denver. As we follow the enumerator door to door, we learn a great deal about the families in question, at first by studying the census page and then by drawing on other sources that Hinckley consulted to flesh out the story. As it happened, neither Molly Brown nor her husband was home when the census taker arrived, leaving Hinckley to speculate that Molly's mother, who lived with her, was the informant.

Hinckley's book offers many other valuable insights. She reminds readers not to repeat the common error of depending heavily—much less exclusively—on census in-

dexes. To prove her point, she compares four different indexes of the first 50 names from the same record (the 1870 Census for the Colorado Territory). One of the indexes was prepared by a local genealogical society, one was prepared by a professional indexing company, one was prepared by a genealogical software developer, and one was prepared by a genealogical publishing company. By arranging the four indexes side by side in her book, Hinckley shows where they agree and where they disagree. Amazingly, of the 50 names in each list, only 12 names appear on all four lists. That is an agreement rate of only 24 percent. Obviously, indexing of handwritten documents is a very human undertaking. The lesson for the rest of us? Don't stop at indexes; go to the original source.

I was also gratified to see that Hinckley's book provides a short explanation of "enumeration districts" for census-taking. If you are not familiar with this term and how it applies to census research, you should check this book. William Dollarhide's book (above) also explains the term.

4. *The American Census Handbook* by Thomas J. Kemp. This book is completely different from the first three. Of the four, this is the biggest (over 500 pages), and its size is a tipoff to its content. Although the title might suggest otherwise, the book is devoted entirely to the subject of census indexing. If you want to know if someone somewhere has produced an index for a particular state, county, or town for a particular census year, this is the reference to consult.

The author has attempted to run down every obscure and not-so-obscure source for published census indexes. If an index is available on either of two Internet sites (ancestry.com or rootsweb.com), he tells you so. Most of the book is arranged by state, then by county, so you

can quickly narrow down on the areas in which you are interested. There is also a much smaller section arranged by topic, such as African-American, Native-American, Military, etc.

Probably for reasons of space, Kemp does not give you any guidance on using the in-

dexes in his book, so you might want to refer to Kathleen Hinckley's book before diving into this one. You will, however, find here a full citation for every listed index to facilitate locating the index in a library or buying it from a publisher.

Let's say, for example, that you are curious whether any index is available for Harlan County, Kentucky, for any census year. Kemp's book identifies ten such indexes: one for 1820, three for 1850, one for 1860, one for 1870, one for 1880, two for 1900, and one for 1910. None of them, according to Kemp, was accessible on the Internet at the time he compiled his book.

William Dollarhide's book (above) overlaps with Kemp's to the extent that both men list countywide census indexes. But Kemp's listing in this regard is much more detailed. Dollarhide is only working with indexes available on microfilm at the LDS Church's Family History Center.

To obtain any of the four books reviewed here, contact the publishers as follows:

1. *The Census Book Heritage Quest*, \$24.95
www.heritagequest.com 1-800-760-2455

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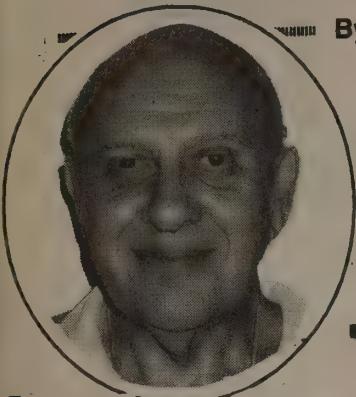
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La Genealogia Italiana - Italian Pedigree

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SURPRISES FROM THE PAST



I don't know what you expect to discover when embarking upon the mission of unearthing your roots. Many genealogists have made surprising revelations among their collection of Italian ancestors. Let's take a look at what has been discovered by some, including a few of my own mixed in. Some are bitter, some are sweet....but they are all true.

- A paternal grandfather who is known to have emigrated to America twice, yet his passenger arrival records have never been found for either time.

- A maternal great grandfather who married four times. His first wife died during childbirth.

- Great grandparents who married at the ages of 16 and 14 respectively.

- Ancestors who married, each with the same surname, but unrelated.

- Every ancestor, both paternal and maternal, originating from the exact same town.

- An amazing discovery of a Roman Catholic cardinal among the siblings of an ancestor.

- Ethnic connections other than Italian, for example: Jewish, Albanian, Turkish, Algerian and Greek to name a few.

- A remarkable genealogical link to a canonized saint of the Catholic Church.

- A great, great, great grandfather who lived to the age of 115 at a time when the average male life span was 40.

- Paternal lineage traced back to the 1400s.

- Connection made to Antonio Meucci, the Italian inventor who was the original creator of the first telephone.

- Discovering an au-

thentic family coat of arms, which has less than a one percent chance of occurring.

- Inheriting land and a house in southern Italy, which had been passed down by numerous generations for several hundred years.

- A paternal family surname that is completely extinct in Italy today.

- Accepting the reality that a bomb in World War II destroyed every record for a particular Sicilian town.

- Obtaining a death document stating an ancestor's cause of death as an "earthquake".

- Maternal great grandparents who had seventeen children, but only eleven survived to adulthood.

- A ship manifest of the *Lusitania*, listing an ancestor who emigrated to America on that ship's last voyage before it was sunk by a German torpedo during World War I.

- One genealogist who was greatly disappointed to find a central Italian town he needed to research did not exist any longer as it had been completely abandoned.

- There is the case of a family researcher who discovered his grandmother spent several years in a county work farm drying out from alcohol abuse. In the same family, he then discovered on an early U.S. census that his own mother was in an orphanage for a time while her mother, the subject's grandmother, was serving time in rehabilitation. All this was kept in the family closet because it was such a painful experience for them.

- A genealogist was surprised to find a cousin was the mayor of her ancestral town in Sicily when she traveled there

to conduct research. He is a descendant from one of her branches.

These are by no means all of the stories but only a sample, a cross section, of what others have found as they pursue their heritage. What one individual learns may be similar, it may be different, or it may even be nothing noteworthy at all. Each individual's ancestry is unique. The objective in providing you with these true experiences of others is strictly to encourage you to give it your best effort and then enjoy the results.

What happened one hundred, two hundred or more centuries ago in history should reveal a great deal about who you are and who you descended from. Remember though, with each generation the data grows more scarce. Eventually, beyond the second or third generation preceding you, generally what is available may only be names, dates and places. But that's okay. It is precisely that pattern of data which can carry your research efforts back several hundred years and possibly more. This joy of discovery is exactly what genealogy is all about. Don't lose sight of that objective.

Family surprises from the distant past can be fascinating conversation and look great in a family history book, but there can also be a revelation of sad and sometimes sorrowful memories of how some of our ancestors struggled with their lives in a time much different from today. Put everything into perspective. Appreciate who they were. Learn from their mistakes. Revel in their achievements. But above all else, pass it on to your children, grandchildren and future generations of descendants. What a legacy!!!

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Moultrie's World War II Monument dedicated May 25

It began with an idea by decorated World War II veterans in Moultrie, Mr. Hinton Reeves and Mr. Gene Vereen. The pair wanted to have a memorial to the veterans of the second World War at the new 5-million dollar Colquitt County Courthouse Annex located on the square, downtown Moultrie.

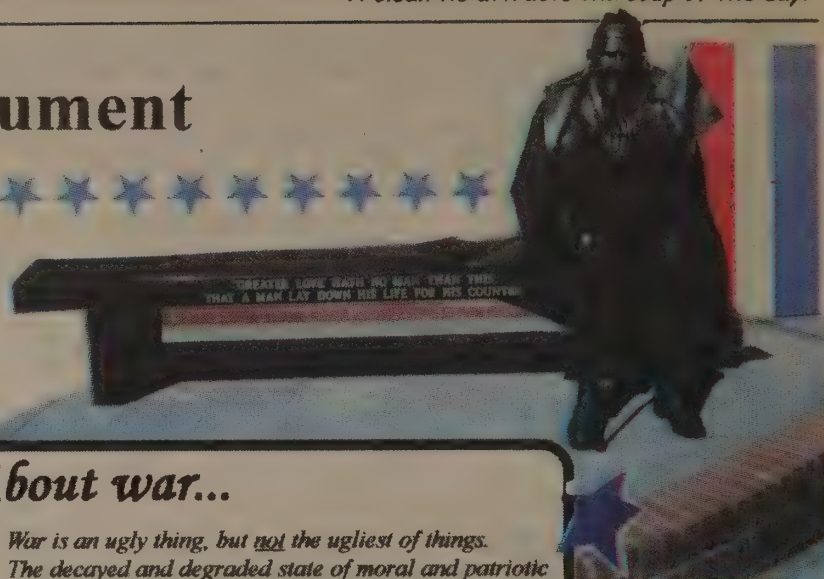
Mr. Vereen and Mr. Reeves, along with representatives from the Colquitt County Commission - Billy Herndon, Randy Bannister and Marion Hay - went to look at the work of a well-known sculptor, W. Stanley "Sandy" Proctor in Tallahassee, Florida.

The Colquitt County Commission later commissioned Mr. Proctor to reproduce his sculpture of his uncle Julian Proctor, who was a World War II veteran. Sadly, Mr. Proctor died recently at the age of 82.

Mr. Vereen and Mr. Reeves asked permission from Tom Brokaw, author of *The Greatest Generation*, to have a bronze copy of the book placed beside the statue of Mr. Proctor - thus representing World War II veterans. Mr. Brokaw graciously gave permission for his book to be a part of the World War II Memorial in Moultrie, Georgia.

The model, Julian Proctor, owned for many years, Proctor Motors in Tallahassee (the Cadillac dealership).

The dedication of the memorial was held May 25, 2003 in Moultrie.



About war...

War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things.

The decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling which thinks that nothing is worth war is much worse.

A man who has nothing for which he is willing to fight, nothing he cares about more than his own personal safety, is a miserable creature who has no chance of being free, unless made and kept so by the exertions of better men than himself.

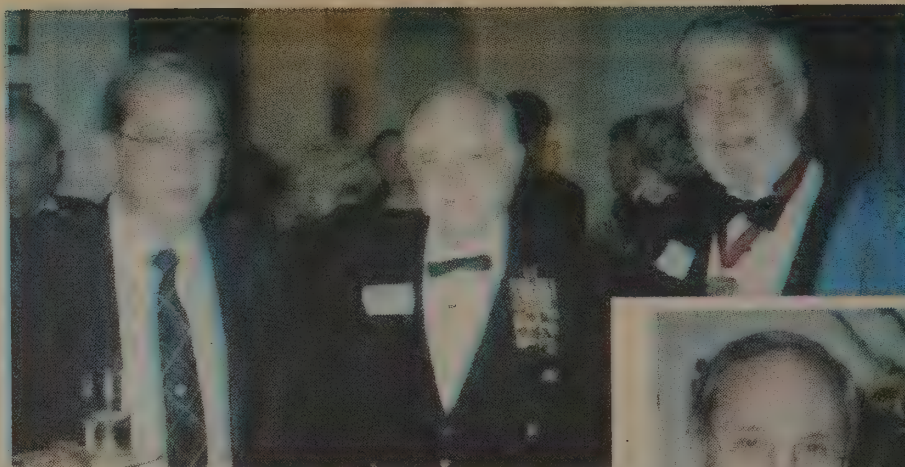
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The St. Andrew's Society of Atlanta's Tartan Day Reception



(Please see article page 12 A. More photos at <<http://www.electricscotland.com/familytree/magazine/jun/jul2003/atlanta.htm>>)
Mac Ammons, Donald Boney, Ross Wyllie top photograph. Center Michael Bates & Kate Graham. Below: Michael Bates enjoys the dancing at the Tartan Day Reception!



**Gibson McKenzie
honored by
St. Andrews Society**



Gibson McKenzie of Vestavia Hills became the recipient of The Heritage Award for The St. Andrews Society of the Middle South recently.

Shown here are Mrs. Martha Wynne, Director of *The Tartan Heirs*, and Mr. Gib McKenzie.

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gléidhidh, the publication of The Clan Wallace Society Worldwide, Tom E.S. Wallace of St. John, New Brunswick, Canada, editor.

Genealogical Society - over 25 pages - was won by The South Bend Area Genealogical Society. Mark Davis of South Bend, Indiana is the editor. Second Place in this category was awarded to editor Catherine L. Gowdy of Novato, California for the Quarterly Publication of The Marin County Genealogical Society, *The Marin Kin Tracer*.

Genealogical Society Magazine - under 25 pages - was won by *The Quill*, Carol Hardy Bryan, editor from The Old Edgefield District Genealogical Society, Edgefield, South Carolina.

Certificates & ribbons have been mailed. The silver tray and banner will be awarded at The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games this coming July.

Thank you to all who entered our contest. The quality of the publications entered is absolutely astounding.

Iain MacInnes to speak at Smithsonian

We have just learned that noted bagpiper, Iain MacInnes, will be the speaker for a special Smithsonian presentation.

On Saturday, June 23, 1-1:30 PM., Iain will conduct a session entitled 'Bagpiping: Scotland's Honored Tradition'.

The Smithsonian Associate states: "Musician, scholar, and broadcaster, Iain MacInnes illuminates the rich history of the bagpipe and demonstrates how it is played. A world class piper, MacInnes has worked for the past 12 years as a radio producer and presenter with the BBC in Scotland.

You may obtain information at the website <www.ResidentAssociates.org> or write: The Smithsonian Associates, Smithsonian Institution, Dept. 0603, Washington, DC 20073-0603.

Lord Lyon at Stone Mountain, continued from page 2 A

at the Stone Mountain Highland Games in October.

For further information concerning the Society of Scottish Armigers, please contact:

Major Randal Massey of Dunham, PO Box 361924, Birmingham, AL 35236. Call 205-664-9991 or email <masseyofdunham@scotarmigers.net> or visit <www.scotarmigers.net> on the Internet.

The Heraldry Society of Scotland's website is at <www.heraldry-scotland.co.uk> and the Society's Delegate to North America is: Donald Draper Campbell, 4031 Ellicott Street, Alexandria, VA 22304-1011. Call 703-931-5989 or email <cmpblldd@ix.netcom.com>

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In this text you will find both historical and current examples of armorial bearings. Most of the bearings are borne by United States residents and military personnel serving abroad. A few of these were borne by those closely associated with the founding and development of the nation. Many of the Arms are domestic, but others originated in, or were later recognized by, foreign officers of arms.

The armorial and biographical information contained in this volume was collected over the period of some thirty years from among the Arms registered by The American College of Heraldry. Some of those listed have updated their information from time to time, while others have not. The new information has been included.

American Heraldry in Color presents over 250 Coats-of-Arms and is \$16.95 postpaid. You may order from The American College of Heraldry, PO Box 710, Cottondale, AL 35453.

Amongst all the fancy folk included in the CD is one not-fancy-folk - your editor! What a thrill to see my Arms included in this collection! Thanks, David!

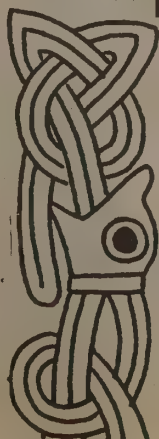
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Dromedarius Obscurus visits Moultrie, Georgia

Note above the photograph of Dromedarius Obscurus...familiarily called "Clyde" visiting Moultrie, Georgia prior to his appearances at the Culloden Scottish Games & Festival.

Air Marshall of The Clan Home Air Force, Al Eaton and Air Vice-Marshall, Judy Eaton are shown at the Culloden Games.

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The ceremony of the brand new Kilt!

Members of the Clan Henderson Society of the United States gathered at the recent Loch Norman Highland Games near Charlotte, North Carolina to welcome a new kilt...done with "the water of life."

As a part of the ceremony, these words are chanted by all present, "It's not a dress! It's not a skirt! It's a KILT!"

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Pat Gregory,

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count" to the State of Indiana. The alternate I have been asked to pursue is to conditionally gift the proceeds of this "Account" to your organization with the stipulation that it be used to preserve and perpetuate this particular "Society's" records."

The Clan McConnaughey Society of America has long utilized The Odom Library as their archival and genealogical repository. Recently, some thirty+ boxes of material were sent to Moultrie. These funds are most welcome and will be used for the purchase of filing cabinets and materials needed to preserve and perpetuate the records.

The Odom Library's attorney, William McLeod McIntosh, has responded to Mr. Good's letter as requested.



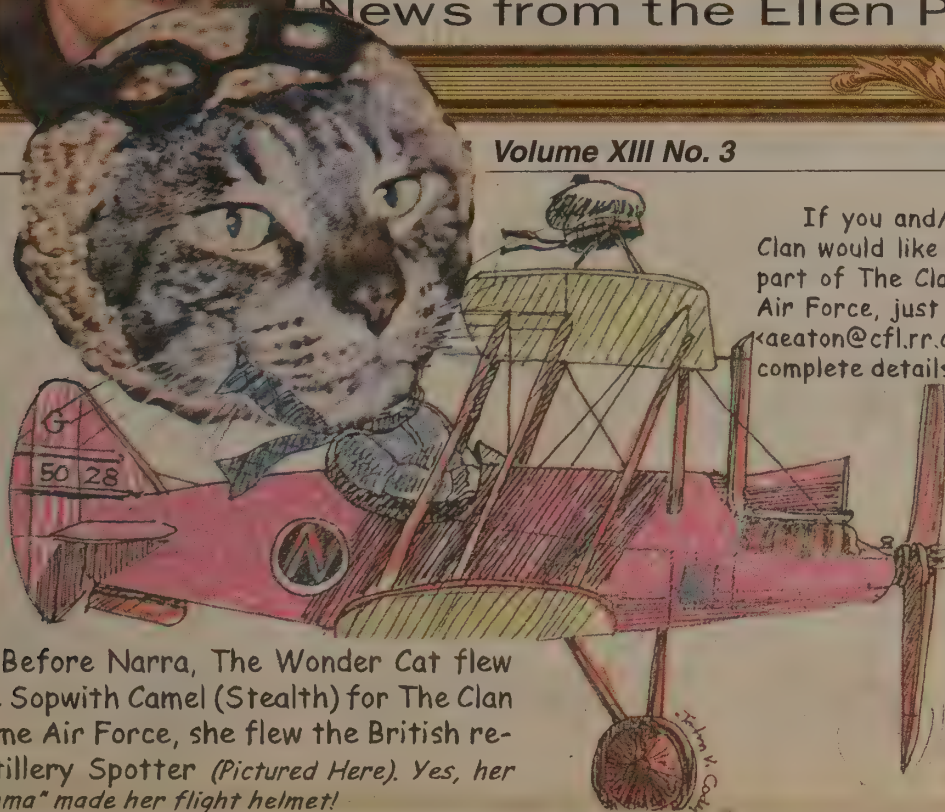
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Before Narra, The Wonder Cat flew the Sopwith Camel (Stealth) for The Clan Home Air Force, she flew the British re-Artillery Spotter (Pictured Here). Yes, her "Mama" made her flight helmet!

If you and/or your Clan would like to be a part of The Clan Home Air Force, just contact kaeton@cfl.rr.com for complete details.

Apsley Reynolds, Akins, Rich win big in Family Tree Skeleton Hunt!

Margaret A. Apsley of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma tracked down our really skinny fella to win a lovely prize from D. Bruce Bennett Celtic Art!

Janet Reynolds of Wichita

Falls, Texas has been on the trail of our boniest person to win one of Carl Peterson's CDs...*Scotland Remembers the Alamo*.

Jim & Kathie Akins of Brunswick, Georgia have teamed up to pursue that boney person to a tartan dog collar from Bonbright Woolens.

Pearl M. Rich of New

London, New Hampshire, will enjoy some wonderful haggis from The Caledonian Kitchen because she was able to stay on the trail to success and bagged the truly boney one for her postcard to *The Family Tree*!

Edith Wagner of *Reunions Magazine* is generous with our intrepid hunters...and we have ten winners who will receive the always interesting *Reunions Magazine*.

Our *Reunions Magazine* winners include: Sue Stewart Gilliam of Wise, Virginia; Sharon Lee of Castle Rock, Colorado; Norman Dunbar of Sunset, Maine; F. H. & Mary Lander of Moss Point, Mississippi; Marguerite McCurry of Pen Valley, California; Patricia Joyner of Jacksonville Beach, Florida; Jane E. McLeod of Mobile, Alabama; John V.

Cody of Lynnfield, Massachusetts; Kathryn Samuelson of Kent, Washington and M. Sgt. Henry V. Cantwell of Glenview, Illinois.

Why hunt skeletons?

Sometimes beginning genealogists are worried about finding "skeletons" or "black sheep" in their family trees. More experienced genealogists know that EVERYONE (With the exception of Mrs. McLeod) has skeletons and black sheep - and worse - lurking about in their family past.

This is inevitable as by the time we go back only 20 generations, we are directly related to over one MILLION four hundred thousand families - not to mention all of the aunts and uncles and cousins!

Experienced genealogists know that records were not always kept. Chances are, those skeletons and black sheep did leave records! We love skeletons and black sheep!

So, we just make a game of it and get the finding of those folks out of the way! He's hiding somewhere in these pages...and all you have to do to win is to find him and then send us a postcard addressed to: Skeleton, PO Box 2828, Moultrie, GA 31776-2828. Include where you found the skinny guy in these pages.

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Duncan A. Bruce honored in NYC

Duncan A. Bruce of New York City was the recipient of the first National Tartan Day Award, presented on behalf of The Scottish Coalition at a reception and dinner at the Williamsburg Lodge, Williamsburg, Virginia, on Friday evening, March 21, 2003.

The award ceremony was the opening event in the Eighth Annual Scottish Symposium which is presented annually under the auspices of The Caledonian Foundation USA, Inc. Chairman of the foundation, The Earl of Dalkeith, arrived from Dumfriesshire, Scotland for the Symposium and welcomed conferees from around the USA.

Bruce is the author of two books regarding Scottish heritage and the contributions of Scots and ScotsAmericans to

the US and the world. His first book, *The Mark of the Scots*, involved more than 20 years of continuous research, and his second book *The Scottish 100* was a History Book Club selection.

The Mark of the Scots is credited with the rekindling of interest in and appreciation of Scots and ScotsAmericans, as a result of which, hundreds of thousands of Americans of Scottish background have taken a new interest in their Scottish forebears.

The Tartan Award was presented to Duncan Bruce by Robert W. Murdoch of Pittsburgh, National Chairman of Tartan Day.

Duncan Bruce was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He is the grandson of three

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Scottish Black Watch visible and proud in Operation Iraqi Freedom!

Dragon Guards tank regiment and 45th Commandos of the Royal Marines based at Arbroath have also been heavily involved in the south of Iraq. In addition, Tornado jets from 111th Squadron based at Leuchars in Fife and the 12th and 617th Squadrons were flying daily sorties.

The efforts of the Scottish forces in the conflict were recognized by President George Bush in a message timed to coincide with Tartan Day, when he sent a letter to the Scottish news media saying that he and his country were "deeply grateful" for their contribution to the liberation of Iraq. This was the second occasion on which President Bush has given public backing to National Tartan Day.

Thanks to *The Palmetto and Thistle*, PO Box 3325, Melbourne, FL 32902-3325.

It gets scarier and scarier... but we made it one more time!

Thank You

I had someone tell me that you could always tell a real friend...as a real friend would stick by you in "thick and thin." Well, at *The Family Tree*, we've never had any "thick" and it's really been "thin" lately. It is understandable that our thoughts are elsewhere with our brave young men and women in the desert across the world - and in the air and in the sea helping to preserve our freedoms. However, the truth is, our deadlines continue and our postage bill has to be paid and our printing bill has to be paid.

These are Postage Heroes who have helped during "thin" times!

We appreciate you all so very much. These contributions are from \$6.00 to \$49.00. We thank our Postage Heroes who donate more than \$50 elsewhere in this publication. I hesitate to write amounts, but have had several requests to do at least this much. We are grateful for ANY contribution!

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Beth made Honorary Member of Clan Macfie

In a letter from the Commander of Clan Macfie, A.C. (Sandy) McPhie, Beth Gay has been named an Honorary Member of Clan Macfie.

Mr. McPhie wrote: "...furthermore, the leaders of three of the Clan Macfie Societies in the United States have drawn my attention to the excellent assistance you have given the clan societies and their members in regard to genealogical research and with the storage of their respective archival material. The clan societies are: The Macfie Clan Society of America; The Cathey Reunion Association and The MacDuffee/Macfie Clan Society of America, Inc.

The Clan Society leaders requested that I consider extending special recognition to you at this time. Accordingly, within my authority as Ceann-Cath, or Commander of Clan Macfie, I invite you to accept appointment as an Honorary Member of Clan Macfiel

With best wishes, A.C. (Sandy) McPhie. Annandale, Townsville, Australia.

Thank you all so much. Please know how much I appreciate the honor you have bestowed. I am delighted to become a Macfie!

Donald G. Canaday to step down from Kennedy post

The Kennedy Society of North American will celebrate its 30th anniversary at the Highland Games at Grandfather Mountain, July 11, 12 & 13, 2003. The 8th Marquess of Ailsa will be the honored guest at the games.

Donald G. Canaday, who has been Chief for 14 years, will step down at that time for reasons of health.

The Kennedy Society was formed at Grandfather Mountain in 1973 by three men - John Baxton Flowers, III, Hugh McLean Kennedy and Harry Clay Canaday - under the patronage of the 7th Marquess of Ailsa (1925-1994). The Marquess maintained a lively interest in the society until his death. He was succeeded by his son, the 8th Marquess who continues his father's interest.

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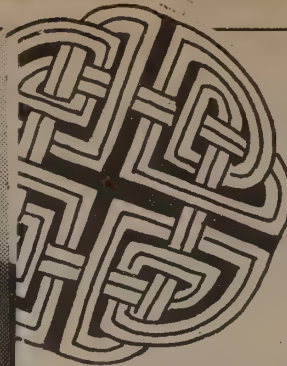
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A letter from your editor...

Beth Gay, DCTJ, FSA Scot, Editor *The Family Tree*



In spite of it all... we've done it again!

Thanks to your kindness & generosity...

It's easy to understand how this little paper has been the very last thing on anybody's mind recently...as most of us have been glued to one of the news channels on TV or have had our noses in the newspapers. However, the deadlines here continue and the printer and the mailer must be paid if we are to continue.

The Dunvegan Foundation of the Clan MacLeod Society, USA, Inc., came to our rescue in a big way this time. We received a most generous contribution to be used where it was needed the most. *The Family Tree* supports The Odom Library and is very important to the success of the library. I promise, *The Family Tree* was where help was needed! If you see any Clan MacLeod Society, USA, Inc., members...please tell them "thank you" for us. (Yes, I've written a note, but it really is lovely when folks know how much everyone appreciates the help!)

Our **Super Duper Postage Heroes** this time include Virginia Dare & Ira Malone; Patricia Erickson, Charles East, Jr., C.H. Harrell, Samuel E. McCray, M.D. Lamb, Jr., Nita Howell, Paula Howard and Mrs. A.G. Lange, Jr.

The Family Tree appreciates the **Super Duper Postage Hero** help from Joanne S. Crane, Dr. Willard A. Downie, Wyona C. Avery, Bill Huggins, Mr. James W. Nichols and Richard N. Smith. We also had a Super Duper Postage Hero who dashed into the office...put a \$50 bill in my hand and skedaddled...shaking her head as I tried to get particulars! Many thanks!

Our **Super Super Duper Postage Heroes** include Lois Minium, William Farrington, Sheila Mastroianni, Annie M. Wigent, Donald G. MacLeod, Ann McLeod, my sweet friend and travelin' buddy, Mr. John D. Pringle... and Donna K. LaRocca.

J. Howard Standing, president of the Saint Andrew's Society of Los Angeles, Inc., sent along a **Super Super Duper Postage Hero** contribution from his organization. Many thanks!

You will never know how much your kindness means.

Thank you!

Love,

Things my Mom taught me

Mom taught me to appreciate a job well done. "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning house."

Mom taught me religion. "You better pray that comes out of the carpet!"

Mom taught me logic. "Because I said so, that's why!"

Mom taught me irony. "Keep laughing and I'll give you something to cry about."

Mom taught me the science of osmosis. "Shut your mouth and eat your supper!"

Mom taught me about weather. "It looks like a tornado went through your room!"

Mom taught me about stamina. "You will sit there until your lima beans 'are gone!'"

Mom taught me about hypocrisy. "If I told you once, I've told you a million times, don't exaggerate!"

Mom taught me the circle of life. "I brought you into this world, I can take you out!"

Thanks to *The Imperial Polk Genealogical Society Newsletter*, PO Box 10, Kathleen, FL 33849.

Your reunion may be on The History Channel...

The History Channel and Indigo Films seek military reunion stories of a specific nature for possible inclusion in a documentary scheduled to air on *The History Channel* later in 2003.

* Trying to locate: Veterans desiring reunions with long-lost comrades * Branch of Service: Any * Unit was: Any * Where served: Vietnam, Korea, or Persian Gulf * When served: ...

Indigo Films is a television production company based in the San Francisco Bay Area. We are currently researching military reunion stories for a documentary in production for *The History Channel* scheduled to air later this year.

We are profiling individual veterans who desire a reunion with a "lost/missing" comrade(s) from combat, but have yet to succeed in finding the person(s) with whom they want to reunite. The premise of the program is to assist the veterans we profile in searching for their comrade(s), to hopefully find the person(s) and schedule a meeting, and then document the reunion on camera.

To give you some background on our documentary premise, following are a few details about the types of stories we're seeking: * Veterans of military action from the Laos and Vietnam time period to present * Veterans seeking to reunite for a SPECIFIC REASON w/ a comrade(s)

who played a significant role with them in combat, but with whom they have lost touch.

The reason to reunite must be a compelling or unusual one (i.e., more than solely to renew a friendship or introduce families to each other), and based on a specific incident or experience.

* The reunion cannot have occurred already ... it must be a desired contact that has not been found yet.

A few examples of the kinds of stories desired by *The History Channel*: * veteran filing a VA claim or applying for a Medal of Honor who needs verification of a combat or war-related incident from eyewitnesses; * a veteran dealing w/ Post-Traumatic Stress syndrome who seeks closure over a battle or war-related incident; * a veteran in possession of a long-lost item (preferably related to combat incident) that belongs to a comrade & wants to return it to its owner ...

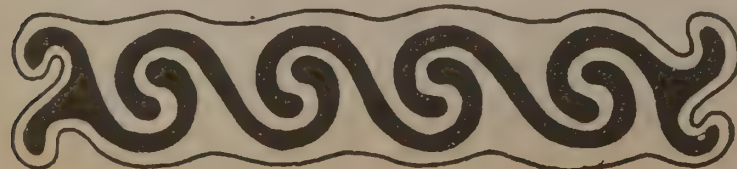
If your search (or those of other veterans you may know) happens to fit the premise of our documentary, I would appreciate the opportunity to speak with you in more detail. Please respond by telephone (415-460-4877; feel free to call collect) or email. Natalie Miller Indigo Films for *The History Channel*, 999 Anderson Drive, Suite 110, San Rafael, CA 94901. Call (415) 460-4877 / tel, voicemail (415) 460-4875 / tel, voicemail <NMiller@indigofilms.com>

America's melting pot - Who came when?

Below are shown the rough dates of major immigrants movements in the United States, the primary "push" factors, and an estimate of the immigrants numbers:

1840s-1850s	Irish Catholics fleeing the potato famine	1.5 million
1840s-1880s	"Germans" fleeing recessions, political unrest	4.0 million
1860s-1900s	Scandinavians fleeing land shortages	1.5 million
1870s-1880s	Chinese railroad workers fleeing poverty	200,000
1870s-1910s	Jews fleeing the Russian Czar, persecution	2.5 million
1880s-1920s	Poles fleeing disease, oppression, poverty	1.0 million
1880s-1920s	"Austro Hungarians" fleeing poverty, oppression	4.0 million
1890s-1920s	Italians fleeing revolution, unemployment	4.5 million
1910s-1920s	Mexicans fleeing revolution, poverty	700,000
1940s-1990s	Mexicans fleeing poverty, unemployment	10 million
1960s-1980s	Cubans fleeing Castro, communism	700,000
1970s-1980s	Haitians/Dominicans/Salvadorans, poverty	900,000
1970s-1980s	Vietnamese/Cambodians fleeing war, oppression	500,000

Thanks to Sacramento German Genealogy Society, PO Box 660061, Sacramento, CA 95866-0061.



Clan MacFie Day just celebrated 27 May

The 27th day of May was chosen for Clan Macfie Day by the members attending the 10th International Gathering and 6th Parliament of Clan Macfie on Colonsay in 1993.

The suggestion for a Clan Macfie Day was brought forward by the Clan Commander, Sandy McPhie of Australia. It was to be a day in which Clan members, worldwide, would celebrate being members of our ancient and honorable Clan.

Several dates were considered by those at the Gathering on Colonsay. Among these were the date of the death of Dr. Earle Douglas MacPhee of Canada, the man responsible for the reactivation of our Clan, his birth date and the date in 1623 when Malcolm, our last Chief, was murdered and the Clan became a "broken" Clan. The clearly preferred date, however was May 27th, the date in 1981 on which the Lord Lyon King of Arms recognized Clan Macfie as again being "an honorable community" or active Clan.

The record of that meeting of the Clan shows that Rev. Jim McAfee moved, and Sylvia McPhee seconded that there be a Clan Macfie Day. Bruce McDuffie then moved, and Bob McFie seconded, that May 27th be the date of Clan Macfie Day to commemorate the reactivation of Clan Macfie on that date in 1981. Both motions were carried.

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Can anyone help Jim Hardin?

Jim Hardin, PO Box 99901, AJ-1593, Pittsburgh, PA 15233 writes, "I am incarcerated. For the last 2 years I have been working on tracing my maternal family (Carcaiso/Carcaise) tree. The odds are almost insurmountable from here. I have no access whatsoever to the Internet, research libraries, very limited telephone usage and lack of monies to hire a professional genealogist to help me. Despite all these setbacks, I've had very good success to date thanks to the untiring and unselfish research that volunteer genealogists have provided to me pro-bono. They're a true godsend to me! I have exhausted what I can do locally and need the help of a volunteer who lives near the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. I need records researched there. Is it possible that there is a volunteer there that would be willing to help me? I could give them a stipend of \$50 - \$100. The records I need researched are in Naples, Italy, but available on file at the FHL in Salt Lake City."

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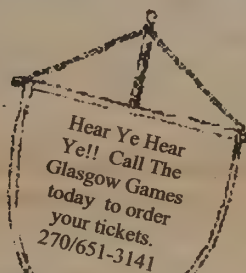
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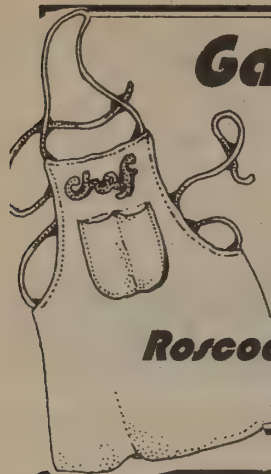
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Evan would love to get cards and letters from *Family Tree* readers!



Evan is the son of Jeff Drescher, a long-time advertiser in this publication.

Write Evan Drescher, PO Box 712257, Santee, CA 92072-2257.

Florida Genealogist announces conference

The Education Fund of the Board of Certification of Genealogists (BCG) is granting scholarship money to promote conference and institute attendance in 2003. This grant allows FGS to award to \$500.00 scholarships for the FGS/FSGS 2003 Conference in Orlando. The awards will go to qualified individuals who belong to an FGSmember society.

If you would like to apply for a scholarship to help defray the costs of attending the FGS/FSGS 2003 Conference in Orlando, Florida, on 3-6 September 2003, you may submit your application via e-mail or letter to: FGS Awards Committee, Attn: Kenny Burk, 789 Carini Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45218-1509; email: <kburk@cinergy.com>.

The letter should state why you are applying for the scholarship and include a list of your genealogical activities. Preference will be given to applicants who have demonstrated their interest in genealogical education by having completed the National Genealogical Society (NGS) Home Study Course, the National Institute on Genealogical Research (NIGR), or the Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research (IGHR) by 2002. Please be certain to include your mailing address, and your telephone number so that you can be contacted.

The deadline for receipt of your e-mail or letter by FGS is 3 July 2003. The two winners will be notified in writing prior to the conference and the scholarship check will be awarded at the conference. The winning individuals will make their own arrangements to register, travel to and find lodging in Orlando to attend the conference.

Coal Miners info Source

If you have an ancestor who was a coal miner, you may want to research records at the Eastern Regional Coal Archives, Craft Memorial Library, 800 Commerce St., Bluefield, West Virginia 24701.

This library welcomes materials as well.

Personals! Yes, we have personals!

It's been such fun working with Alastair McIntyre on making our *Family Tree* presence on the Internet the best we can make it!

One need we found is that life simply does not wait for *Family Tree* deadlines.

So often something - sad events such as death, an illness, an accident, an emergency - or happy news like weddings and engagements and births - these things happen "between issues" of the paper. That means it is two months before we can tell everyone and let everyone know of what is happening in your life. Many times, we would have "done something" had we only known in time.

So, we've added a "Personal" category to the Internet edition of *The Family Tree*.

With this addition, we can get the news to our "family" of readers immediately. You will be in time to make a phone call, send a card, send flowers...visit...or just hold someone and their family in your heart and prayers.

Please call me if you don't have Internet access: 229-985-6540 and let me know your news. You may fax us at 229-985-0936. You may send your news directly to <alastair@electricscotland.com> and just ask to be added to "The Personals".

How else may we help? Let us know if you know of a need within the genealogical, historical, ethnic community. We really want to help.

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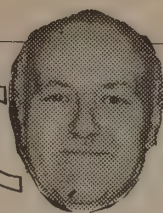
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Scots are alive and well and “not” living in Scotland!

Scotland really is a place that time has passed by as the real Scots have already left. I mean the Scots with vision, enterprise and a “can do” attitude.

Look at our history of emigration. Hundreds of thousands left Scotland to go into Scandinavia and Europe from the 1500s onwards and settled there and many made much better lives for themselves and contributed enormously to these countries. In the mid 1600s onwards a huge tide of people started to move to the USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Many recent books have come out of America telling of the huge and previously unknown contributions that Scots made there.

Likewise, if you read all the history on the Electric Scotland web site you’ll see how Scots were people of great influence in many European countries becoming friends of the ruling elite as well as being politicians, merchants, educators, soldiers, etc.

Scots have been leaving Scotland for generations. Their descendants have punched well beyond their weight in many lands across the world. A Scot was the first Prime Minister of Canada, 71% of USA Presidents are of Scots descent (from the book, Mark of the Scot), a Scot is considered to be the Father of Australia, a Scot is considered to be the Father of Modern Japan.

The record of the Scots and their descendants in other lands are truly marvellous and the Scots are alive and well right across the world but what have they left behind them?

Scotland the Brand through CLK commissioned research on what “the world thought of Scotland” in 1997 and 1998 and the summary results were...

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In 2003 we are getting many reports on Scotland’s performance...

We are in recession

Foreign tourists are down dramatically since that report was done

Exports are declining

Scotland is well under performing the South of England

We have a declining population with estimates we could be down to 4.5m by 2004.

When you look at Scotland and its organisations you see people that like to talk but take little action. Almost every industrial sector web site would rather discuss the next 5 year plan than promote what’s good about its sector.

Scottish Enterprise is certainly the most un-enterprising organisation we have and our Marketing people across all industries in Scotland show a huge lack of enterprise and vision.

The web is a marvellous global medium for communicating Scotland’s good points and yet we have not one web site that really tells the world about Scottish companies and our success stories. Our banks won’t help promote us either, like many of our institutions they lack breadth of vision.

Why on earth would any company wish to locate a business in Scotland? Should companies want to touch base with their Scottish roots they’d be much better to locate in areas of the world where the Scots themselves went and built a better life for themselves. In those areas you’ll see enterprise and vision and a “can do” attitude.

Scotland is a great talking shop... we’d rather discuss and moan about things than actually do something about it. Certainly there are exceptions but you’d be hard put to find them.

VisitScotland is perhaps the organisation that most needs to be marketing led but they have a pathetic track record of promoting Scotland and their marketing department must be one of the worst examples for all that is poor in Scotland. When the marketing manager for VisitScotland’s USA department says she can’t produce one story a week for the USA market you have to wonder whether they really want any visitors. Is that not her job? To promote Scotland in the USA?

It seems that Scotland’s businesses expect Scottish Enterprise and VisitScotland to do everything and are not prepared to get together to do things for themselves. Let someone else do something and we’ll perhaps join in if its successful is their attitude. With that attitude it’s no wonder we’re a sinking ship.

Time after time you’ll see significant Scots and their descendants playing a major role in politics in other countries and yet our own devolved parliament can only get 50% of Scots to actually be bothered to vote. When they do vote they are no longer voting for the main parties. They are in fact voting for parties that do not have any agenda for improving Scotland’s businesses but rather ones that promise to

spend more money by robbing the rich to pay the poor.

Most of our politicians want to spend more on our health service and in fact want to spend lots more money on all kinds of things but none seem to have any ideas on how to promote Scottish business to actually increase the income coming into Scotland. With a declining population and an increasingly aged population the signs are that we’re still in a mess with no real prospects of this changing.

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Our Television channels are filled with interviewers and so called journalists that keep asking what politicians are doing to get us out to vote. They don’t seem to realise that they are a large part of the problem.

They are the ones that have encouraged politicians to be defensive and not answer questions, slated them when they do change their minds, don’t give them time to answer a question by constantly interrupting. It’s time that these interviewers realised they are there to do a public service and not to become the stars themselves.

We would still far rather spend money on meetings, surveys, reports than actually do something about our economy. We use the same old tired people to do these reports rather than seek out enterprising people with vision so all we ever get back are the same old ideas that haven’t worked before.

The facts are clear... We need new people to run our institutions and to market Scot-

land. It’s time to encourage our Scots descendants to come home and give us a hand! The only problem is the people that can help this happen are the ones with a vested interest in saving their own jobs which they are so poor at doing.

So the question we must ask is... “Where are the people left with vision in Scotland and how can we get them together to help turf the complacent and indifferent out of their cosy jobs and attract new blood to help us

build a strong, smart and successful Scotland?”

In the USA right now you just need to go to any of the hundreds of Highland Games to meet our Scots descendants. There you will find thousands that run successful businesses, are influential in major corporations, want to do business with Scotland but keep asking... “Where is VisitScotland?”, “Where are the Scottish companies... don’t they want to do business with us?” If you took just one crowd at any Highland Games in America you would have more enthusiasm for Scotland than is available in the whole of Scotland put together.

We need some of this blood to come back to Scotland and help shake up our poorly performing institutions. Make no mistake... those that are currently involved in marketing Scotland and our businesses mostly lack vision and enterprise and it’s time they went and were replaced with our descendants that now live and work in other lands.

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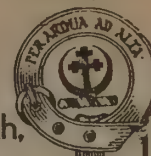
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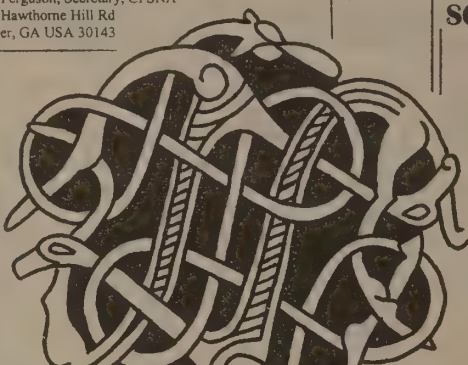
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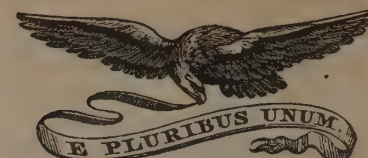
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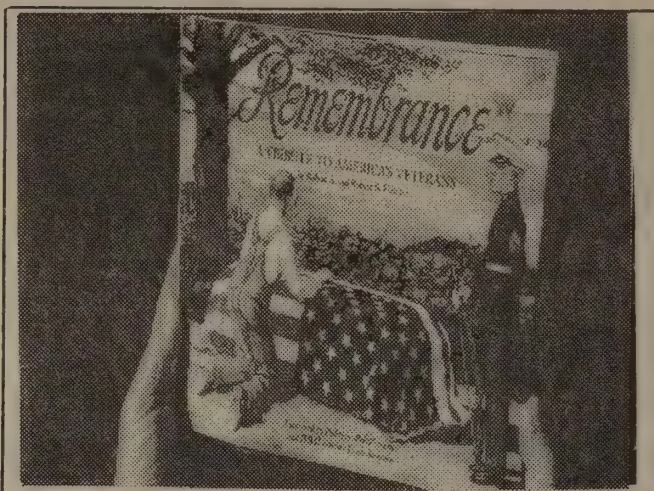
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Remembrance: A Tribute To America's Veterans

By Robert A. and Robert B. Fletcher
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Let me set the record straight. I am breaking new ground by reviewing a non-Scottish book for the first time. To include it in the pages of *The Family Tree*, the world's largest Scottish newspaper outside of Scotland, should tell you how much I think of this book. 1992 Pulitzer Prize winner and WWII veteran, Louis Simpson, wrote the forward. That alone is worth the price of the book! This is a book review with some



personal commentary about my family, again, breaking new ground for the column.

This book has another first. Never before has a book portrayed veterans and military funeral scenes from all the wars America has fought in since we won our independence. It is page after page of watercolor paintings, pencil drawings, and text. Wonderful stuff! The authors, father and son, are quick to point out that this tribute salutes the 26.2 million veterans

who are alive today and those other millions who came before them. It is the story of America's finest and bravest men and women who have served their country. Yes, it is a book about these warriors who we proudly call our own. It is "Dedicated to all veterans of America's Wars and those who love them".

Bob Fletcher, the father, is as talented an artist as we have in our country today. He paints in a reconstructed barn over-

looking a pond on his farm in New Milford, New York. A veteran of the Korean War, Bob became a general partner in the Fletcher-Walker-Gessell Advertising Agency. His technical illustrations have appeared in magazines throughout the world including *Aviation Week*, *Flight Magazine*, and *Jane's Armament Books*.

Rob Fletcher, the son, is just as talented in his own right as an author, singer, and musician, having written *Blues Harmonica for Beginners*, *Blues Grooves for Guitar*, *The Gospel Harmonica Workbook*, and *Kim Wilson: My Blues*. A corporate teambuilding consultant and a trained Wilderness First Responder, Rob earned a BA in Music Performance from the State University of New York at New Paltz.

Bob did the artwork for this book, and Rob wrote the narrative. They compliment each other's work like two sides of a coin. Bob pointed out to me that the "Fletchers were arrow makers for the MacGregor clan on the Northwest shore of Loch

Lomond," and he went on to say that "the trademark for Iron Mountain Press was adapted from the Fletcher crest". So you see, there is a Scottish connection.

This book is very relevant to the current times we live in. Afghanistan is not that long ago. We fought a war in Iraq. That war is over. Our troops are coming home. We are now

looking July 4th in the face - another time of remembrance. It is also a time of thanksgiving for all those in the service of our country who went before us and made it possible for us to enjoy our lives and families. Yes, it is a time of Remembrance. The many facts and stories in this book are too numerous for this space, but they will cause you to pause and give thanks you are an American living in this land of ours! Simply put, this book will make you proud.

This book may cause you personal reflection as it did me. I found out just a few weeks ago while speaking at St. Andrews College in Laurinburg, NC, that my 5x grandfather Daniel, from Scotland's Isle of Jura, was a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War. He was captured in Charleston, South Carolina on 12 May 1780 and exchanged 14 June 1781. He was rewarded with 2,560 acres of land on the Columbia River in Tennessee in lieu of pay after the war. I've written before about John W. Shaw, my grandfather, who was captured at Fort Fisher, North Carolina on 15 January 1865 and taken as a POW to Elmira, New York where he remained until the end of the war.

My three brothers served during WWII in the Army and Marines and all returned safely from Guadalcanal and Europe. My brother, Gene, was a Marine Drill Instructor at Camp Lejune, NC and also served in the Pacific and later in Korea. Brothers Manning and Carl both served in the Army. Fred, Alvin, Frank, Walter (all WWII soldiers) and Bruce (Viet Nam), men who married my sisters, served with honor and

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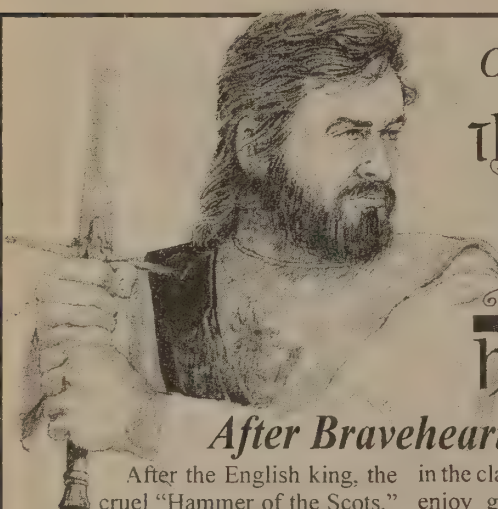
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SCOTTISH & IRISH CHIEFS

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Scottish and Irish Chiefs are appearing in Burke's Peerage & Baronetage for the first time, apart from those who have been listed before because they have also been peers or baronets. However, they represent an ancient aristocracy, part Gael, part Norse and part Fleming or Norman, and are generally of longer pedigree than the peers and baronets they are joining. Moreover most of ancestors of the chiefs who are also peers or baronets were chiefs long before they acquired their other titles. The pedigree of the Dukes of Argyll starts in debateable and misty medieval evidence. Duibne was probably great-great-grandfather of, and lived at least a century and a half before, Sir Gillespie Cambel, with whom documented certainty begins in the 1260s. His son Colin, knighted in 1280, gave the Campbell chiefs the Gaelic patronymic they still use, Mac Caillein Mor, but it was not until 1445 that a descendant was created Lord Campbell; the 2nd Lord Campbell was created Earl of Argyll in 1457 and Dukedom came two and a half centuries later in 1701.

It must be remembered that the isles in the west, and parts of the West Highland mainland, were under Norwegian suzerainty until ceded by the treaty of Perth in 1266. Orkney and Shetland remained under Danish/Norwegian rule until 1468-72. A number of chiefly families are of Norse origin. The Sinclairs and the Gunns trace their pedigrees to names and relationships in the Orkneyinga Saga

and, before that, to the Jarls of Orkney. A younger son of a Jarl of Orkney was Rollo alias Rolf the Ganger, founder of the Duchy of Normandy and great-great-great-grandfather of William the Conqueror. The Sinclairs were themselves of Norman ancestry, from Saint-Clair-sur-l'Elle near St. Lô, but in 1379 Henry St Clair of Roslyn was invested by King Haakon of Norway as Jarl of Orkney and

Lord of Zetland (Shetland) in the right of his mother, heiress of Orkney. Three generations of Sinclairs acknowledged Norwegian jurisdiction until William, the 3rd Sinclair Jarl, resigned the Earldom in 1470 to the king of Scots, from whom he also held the Earldom of Caithness.

Somerled, of mixed Gaelic and Norse ancestry, was descended from both the 9th-century Norse kings of Waterford and Dublin, and from the 9th-century Gaelic leaders in the Hebrides. He, who established the quasi-independent Lordship of the Southern Isles in the 1150s. It was, expanded by his MacDonald descendants to embrace the Northern Isles in 1354 and flourished, until forfeiture in 1493. Somerled, was ancestor of a number of chiefly families, notably the MacDonalds/MacDonells in their several branches, the MacDougalls, the MacAlastairs and the MacIntyres/Dougalls and others. Traditional genealogies claiming common male-line descent from Somerled have been confirmed recently by Y-chromosome (the exclusively male line chromosome) DNA

tests showing a single common male -line ancestor of mixed Gaelic and Norse ancestry.

The Gaelic chiefly families in Scotland descend in one group from the 5th-century kings of Dalriada in Ulster, who eventually conquered the entire country, and with others include Dunbar, Dundas, Duff, Wemyss, and Clan Chattan.

Another group

Others, with the oldest documented genealogies in Western Europe, descend from Eochu, King of Tara, living in AD 360, and father of Niall of the Nine Hostages, whose son Eogan, King of Ailech in Ulster was ancestor of the O'Neills of Clannaboy, the Lamonts, Livingstones of Bachuil, MacLachlans and, MacNeills, among others. A, another son of Niall of the

Nine Hostages was Conall Gulban, King of Tir Conaill (Tyrconnell, Donegal) and, great-grandfather of St Columba, and whose descendants included the O'Donnells of Tir-Conaill and other Scots and Irish families proud to be the 'kindred of St Columba'.

A few chiefs have other origins. T, the Murrays and Sutherlands descend from Freskin, a Fleming. T, and the Frasers have Frankish roots.

Chiefs gave their clansmen leadership, justice, housing, land to grow food, grazing for their cattle, and, importantly in a more violent age, protection. I, in return the chief would expect able-bodied clansmen to fight with him and for him. While many clansmen were of the chiefly kindred, others placed themselves under the chief's leadership and protection, and assumed his name. T, therefore the fact that a clansman has the same name as the chief does not prove that he is related.

Chiefs lost much of their power in the brutal repression of the clan system, wearing of tartan, etc., that followed the '45 Rising and defeat at Culloden. This was aggravated by a worsening of the climate and a fall in the price of cattle, upon the sale of which many depended.

In a typical case of many, economic necessity forced the MacIntyre Chief to emigrate to America, while the young men who represented the Gunns and the MacArthurs died unmarried in the service of the Crown or of the Honourable East India Company army in India or as mercenaries in the Scots Brigade of the Dutch army. T, the cousin and who was next heir to the Gunn chief, who died in the siege of Gibraltar, had with neither land nor money and, became a gardener.

His son took advantage of the herring boom at Wick to joined the herring fishery industry there boom in Wick. T, the heirs of MacDonald of Keppoch, of the male line of Somerled, died on military service in Canada,

while their heir back in Lochaber was a cattle drover. In this ways many chiefly families became lost to sight in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. I, and it is only now, with increased interest, and support of research by clan societies, and the better availability of archives, that the heirs are being traced and restored.

For Irish chiefs, the diaspora came earlier. A: a number of chiefs, who were amongst the 'wild geese',

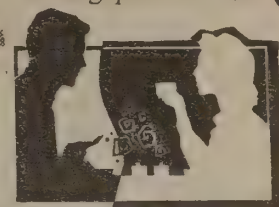
Jacobites who left Ireland after defeat at Limerick in 1691, are now absorbed into the Spanish and Portuguese nobility.

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This article will feature in the 107th edition of Burke's Peerage & Baronetage, due to be published in October 2003. Hugh Peskett is a consultant editor for the 107th edition of Burke's Peerage & Baronetage. For more information on Hugh's work visit www.hughpeskett.co.uk

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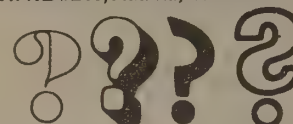
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Raymond Morehead accepted this Link of Friendship and announces to Clan Muirhead members and friends this historic event.

An official letter was written to Raymond L. Morehead, President/Chief Elect Clan Muirhead, received from Madame Pauline Hunter of Hunterston and of that ilk, 30th Laird of Hunterston Castle, dated last 23 June: "On the 23rd of June 2001, the Clan Chief of the Hunters, Madam Pauline Hunter of Hunterston and of that ilk, 30th Laird of Hunterston Castle and all her Officers, agreed that a Link of Friendship should be offered to Clan Muirhead. Clan Muirhead has formed a strong bond with Clan Hunter through their both losing Clansmen at the Battle of Flodden in 1513.

As Clan Muirhead no longer has any Clan home in Scotland, Madame Pauline Hunter of Hunterston and of that ilk, Clan Chief and 30th Laird has invited Clan Muirhead to join their International Clan Gathering held every three years at Hunterston Castle.

Clan Hunter has set the dates of the gathering for 6, 7, 8 August 2004. If you would like more information on this important gathering of family, please contact Raymond L. Morehead, Esq., FSA Scot, President/Chief Elect, Clan Muirhead at <raymond8@ix.netcom.net> or write 6522 194th Ave., East, Bonney Lake, WA 98390-8835.



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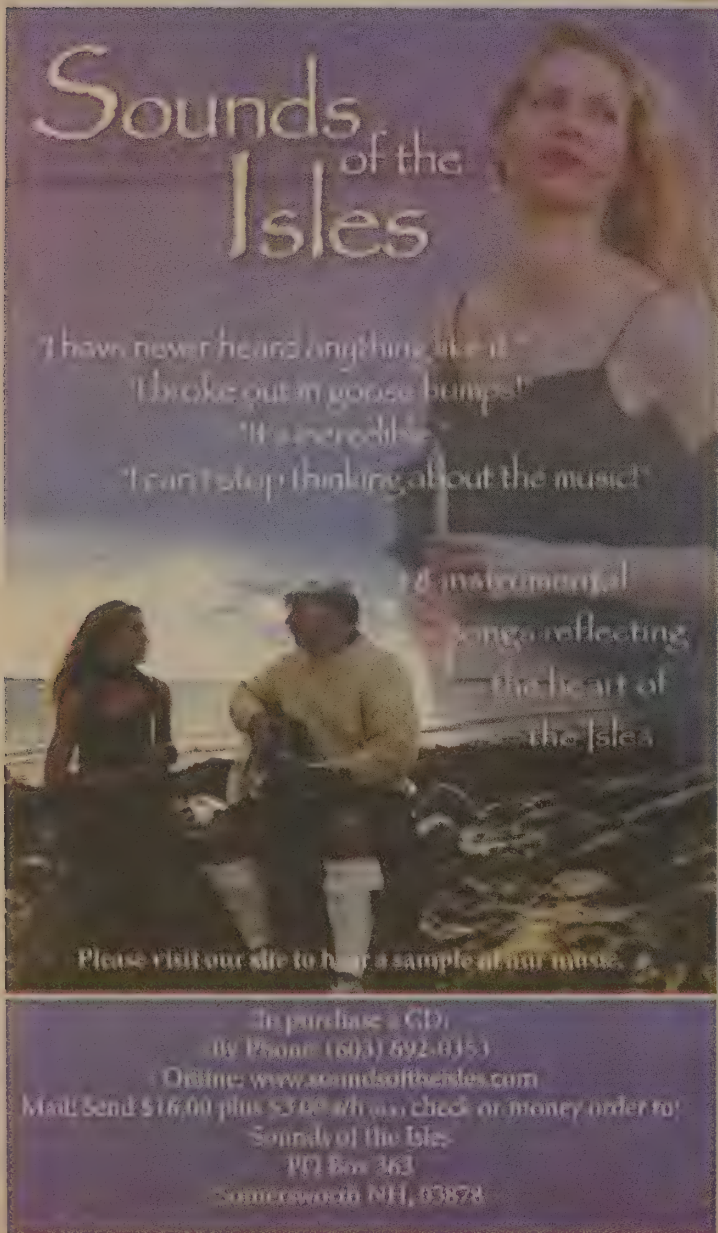
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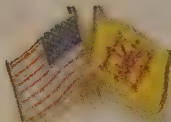
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This will be the 22nd year that these scholarships have been awarded according to the Ligonier Executive Director David L. Peet.

Winners are those competitors with the highest aggregate scores in piping events Grades 1 through 4 Jr. and drummers in Grade 1 and 2.

In addition to the awards, the Clan Donald Trust also donates two Highland Dancing scholarships of \$150 to competitors. Winners must wait two years before they are eligible for another scholarship award.

For more information visit www.ligoniergames.org.



HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY, RAY!

Make your own reunion puzzles!

Joan Griffis, Largo, Florida, shared this great idea for making your own reunion word game. Play it at your reunion or include it in a newsletter. Go to <http://puzzlemaker.school.discovery.com/WordSearchSetupForm.html>.

At the website, go through the steps to create a word puzzle using family names or words pertaining to your reunion. For example, I typed in the list of words shown after the puzzle.

Hints for creating a word search puzzle are also available online. It's easier and faster to generate smaller word-search puzzles. The smaller the puzzle, the more enjoyable it will be to solve.

The program ignores one- and two-letter words, punctuation, capitalization and duplicate words. It allows three-letter words in a puzzle, but they advise against it. Punctuation is treated as a space. Try not to use parts of words that might get lost in the puzzle or confuse the solver. For example, if you input the words *cat* and *catalog*, the word *cat* could get hidden in the word *catalog*.

This puzzle is dedicated to Ray Seideman's 100th birthday at his 69th Seideman Family Reunion!

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Last winter, when our dear friend, Barbara Johnson, died, her husband, Ron, gave me her outside flowers. I thought you all would enjoy this bloom. This is one of "Barbara's Lillies." I don't know the name of it...but it had two of these magnificent blossoms this spring.

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Clan MacKinnon plant badge - the super flower, St. Johnswort!

The common St. Johnswort (*Hypericum perforatum*) comes from an old English word meaning "plant or root" and it is a herb with bright yellow flowers in broad, branched terminal clusters. The perfect flower is about 3/4 to an inch wide with five petals with black dots on their margins. The stamens are numerous in sets of three and the leaves are about 1/2 inch long. The leaves are small and numerous with translucent dots which are seen when the leaves are held up to the light. The fruit is a brown, ovoid capsule.

The plant blooms June through September. St. Johnswort is found throughout the world in fields and along the roadsides.

Traditionally, plant badges of the Scottish Clans were not for identification, except in some isolated cases, but were talismans and charmed linked to their home territory.

St. Johnswort was introduced by pioneers from Europe. Other St. Johnswort varieties include the Great St. Johnswort, Dwarf St. Johnswort and the Pale St. Johnswort.

People in many countries have used this lush, green herb with bright yellow flowers to heal wounds and burns and it is used in Germany as a tea that soothes nerves and relieves melancholy. The ancient remedy has recently vaulted to international celebrity status after new clinical studies report what the Clan MacKinnon has always known to be true - that St. Johnswort gives relief to folks with mild and moderate depression without the side effects of drugs such as Prozac.

The most popular antidepressant on the market is available in grocery stores and pharmacies and outselling Prozac. Pharmacologists caution that some facts are still unknown about long-term use and how to use with severe depression or what the ideal dosage is. One side effect of usage is that the skin is more vulnerable to sunburn.

If you would like to know more about Clan MacKinnon, write 4012 Tyndale Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32210.

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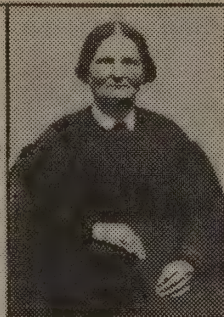
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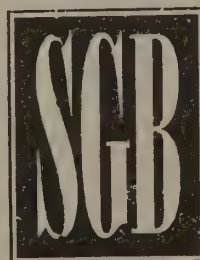
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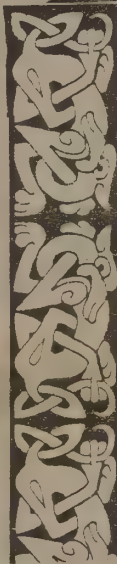
Flowers of the Forest

Ginger Cummings (Virginia), 57, of Jacksonville passed away May 8, 2003, at Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness. She was born in Cilo, Michigan, but had lived in Jacksonville for the last 10 years. In 1965 she married David Cummings of Mt. Morris, Michigan. After their daughters were in high school, Ginger decided to go to college and graduated from the University of



Michigan-Flint in 1989 with a BS in Environmental Science. After relocating to Jacksonville, Ginger used her considerable charm, wit, and compassion, for the past 8 years acting as Publicity Chair for the Jacksonville Scottish Highland Games. She also served as secretary for the St. Andrews Society of Jacksonville for several years and, most recently, one of the founders, secretary and treasurer of the Clan Cumming Society. More recently she had become active as a member of the Northeast Florida Astronomical Society. She leaves to treasure her husband of 38 years, David; two daughters Chantel and Jody, a mother-in-law Virginia Cummings, a brother-in-law Robert Cummings, two sister-in-laws Sharon Cummings and Sandra O'Brien, a sister Delores Lester, and special friends Bruce and Janet Gervin. She is also survived by her mother Lucille Pitkin, sister Connie Doyle, brother Karl Pitkin, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Angus McBryde performing Burns' Address to the Haggis



Arline Barsamian, died in Milwaukee from complications suffered while undergoing surgery. Born Ruth Arline Potterson, she and her husband Nick had been married 42 years. Arline was a past president of the Welsh Woman's Club and the Welsh Gymanfa Ganu Association of Wisconsin. She also served as a co-chairperson of the Milwaukee '97 National Welsh Gymanfa Ganu. Arline was also the loving mother of Donald Ramsey, Sandra Ramsey Brake, Loree Simuncak and Nicholas Barasamian.



Angus L. McBryde, Jr. passed away in March 2003. He was born in 1938 in Princeton, New Jersey, where he lived for all of his life. After college, he attended the Scouter training program at Schiff Scout Reservation and upon graduation became a District Executive in the Southern New Jersey Scout Council. He joined the Scout Supply Service in 1969 and eventually served as Manager of the New York Area Scout Stores.

Angus joined Clan Donald in 1978 and served as New Jersey state Commissioner and Northeast Atlantic Regional Commissioner. He served as treasurer of CDUSA and then as Deputy High Commissioner before becoming High Commissioner. Angus was the treasurer and a Director of the Clan Donald Foundation.

He was the Grand Master of the Princeton, New Jersey Masonic Lodge and served as an Officer in the New Jersey state Masonic Lodge. A member of the St. Andrews Society of New York for over 20 years, he served as Chairman of the Board of Managers for the Society.

Very active in scouting, he was a mentor to many in the scouting family.

Years ago, a volunteer erased the entire Family Tree mailing list on the computer at the library. (Fortunately, our mailing service had a master copy - but we did lose several hundred newly entered entries.) The next week in Atlanta during a Knights Templar Convent with Angus, I was moaning and groaning about the loss of data...and Angus said, "Beth, don't you have a backup system on your library computer?"

I said, "No, Angus, we just have to be careful."

That was all that was said. A week later, a box arrived at the library and it was a fancy, state-of-the-art backup system...from my dear friend, Angus McBryde.

Angus will be greatly missed by many, including your editor.



Maurice Schwarzmann,

one of the founders of the Clan Farquharson Society in California, died on January 23, 2003. He and his wife, Patricia, were very active in establishing the clan association and in manning a tent and attending gatherings beginning in 1992. His professional career was with the Canadian Government, firstly as one of the two Ministers in the then called Industry, Trade and Commerce Ministry. He was in charge of International Trade Treaties. In 1973 he became Canadian Ambassador to Mexico and Guatemala. In 1975 he became Ambassador to Venezuela and Santo Domingo. He was born in 1920 and died in 2003, age 82.



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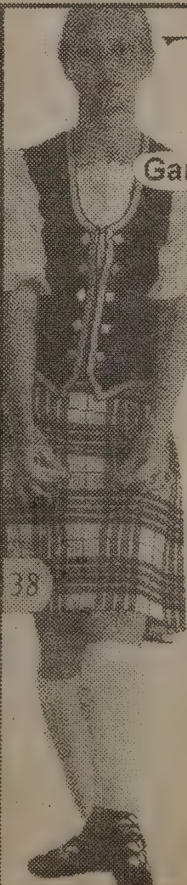
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General admission is \$8 per person, and \$6 for seniors (age 62 and older) and youths (ages 9 to 17). Children under age 9 will be admitted free. Dixon is 19 miles southwest of Sacramento, along Interstate 80. For more information, telephone the Dixon Association at (707) 678-8814, or visit its web site at <http://dixon.scottish-games.com>, or send e-mail to dixonsca@yahoo.com.

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Early signing will be on Thursday evening, October 7, in the Hospitality Room in the hotel. Attendees may also sign in on Friday morning, in the same room.

Friday, October 8 and Saturday, October 9 will feature lectures and workshops on Italian genealogy both for beginners and for those more advanced in the search for their Italian family roots.

Sunday, October 10 is planned for an optional activity, to be announced, in conjunction with Columbus Day.

Cost for the conference will be \$160 (before May 31, 2004) and \$175 for registration after May 31, which will include all lecture and workshop sessions, a Continental breakfast each morning, refreshments and snacks at the morning and afternoon breaks both days and our traditional banquet on Friday evening.

For more information contact: Danny Zangara, PO Box 2441, Kansas City, KS 66110-0411, email pointkc_2004@yahoo.com or Joseph LaBella, President, Holy Rosary Credit Union, 533 Campbell Street, Kansas City, MO 64106. Or visit their website at www.point-pointers.net.

Remembrance,

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distinction in the Army, Navy and Air Force. A man I loved as much as my own, W. Victor Etheridge, my father-in-law, was an Army Sergeant during WWII in the Pacific. A different feeling invades your heart and mind when you write it all down and look at the family names, remembering the places they served, as well as the successful lives they lived afterwards, with seldom a comment about the various wars they fought in. That is what this book did for me.

As my own personal tribute to all American service men and women, I would like to close by quoting a poem Don Malcolm (*Don Malcolm was a jet pilot in the Air Force - First Lieutenant.*) used in his *Toast To The Troops* at the St. Andrew's Society of Atlanta's annual Robert Burns Night at the Druid Hills Golf Club in January of this year.

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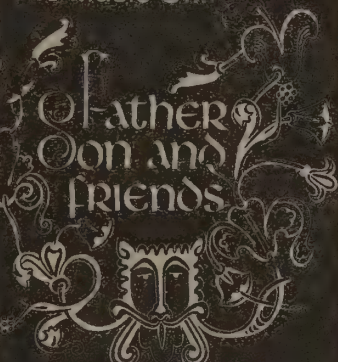
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In Memory of Hugh Douglas 1928 - 2003

Frank Shaw

Bill Caudill, Director of The Scottish Center at St. Andrews College in Laurinburg, North Carolina, emailed recently that Hugh Douglas had died. It was not going to be a good day! Another friend was gone! That all too familiar feeling that most of us know when we reach the "September of our years" immediately popped up in my gut. I never met Hugh in person or had the honor of looking him in the eye as we shook hands. I never had the opportunity to capture first hand that ever-present twinkle in his eyes; the sparkle that told you here was a good man. We conversed via the Internet and through that forgotten and out-dated form of communication - the letter.

I reviewed his book, *Robert Burns: A Tinder Heart* for the 2002 Christmas issue of *The Family Tree*. I've been a big fan of Hugh Douglas for years, and I plan to review *A Right Royal Christmas* this year. So, it is difficult for me to write about Hugh Douglas without writing about his books. I have most of the 15 books Hugh wrote and have read them all. They are excellent and worthy of your library. He was, in my opinion, one of Scotland's greatest writers. The Scottish community around the world will greatly miss him and his writing skills.

Hugh Douglas was a modest, gracious and humble man, as evidenced by the following. Upon receipt of the above mentioned book review on *The Tinder Heart*, Hugh immediately fired off an email to me with this opening sentence: "Review received - who is this chap you are writing about? Not Burns, the other one. I'm truly flattered if a trifle embarrassed." On another occasion he wrote: "Many thanks for the copies of *The Family Tree* - fascinating! I'm enjoying them." He was polite, cheerful and gracious.

In a recent email, Ivan Howlett, Editor of BBC Radio's *Making History*, stated that in "reading Frank Shaw's review of *The Tinder Heart*, I cannot but agree with every word of it. I came across Hugh a few years ago and was so taken with his work that he was

a regular guest on the radio programme I edit and produce. Sadly, Hugh died suddenly, a fortnight ago. He was in Venice with his wife on holiday. His last radio interview, a brief one, is about *The Tinder Heart*... Thought you'd like to know."

The humor of Hugh Douglas was ever present. Even in print he had a way of making me smile and chuckle. In a follow-up email, Mr. Howlett recalled, "Hugh was such a funny man. I remember him smiling ruefully about the bookshop he had opened in Peterborough. 'Ouch', he sighed, 'I didn't realize they couldn't read in Peterborough'."

Here are a few lines from the obituary that appeared in *THE SCOTSMAN* about Hugh. "His first job was with the *Glasgow Bulletin*, from where he moved south to the London evening newspaper, the *Star*, as a sub-editor. After ten years in daily journalism, and disillusioned with Fleet Street - but with a newspaperman's thirst for facts - he determined to spend the rest of his life unearthing hitherto little-known information. He chose topics ranging from the history of London's Underground - *The Underground Story* - to the grisly exploits of the Scottish body-snatchers in *Burke and Hare, the True Story*... Scotland remained his main source of inspiration... While pursuing the solitary occupation of a writer, he took care to keep contact with a wide circle of friends from the newspaper and public relations world..."

Like one of the great loves of his life, Robert Burns, Hugh was born in Ayrshire. The remains of Burns' father lie in the auld kirk yard at Alloway. When I asked who in his family was buried there at the kirk yard Hugh replied, "...it is my great-grandfather who is buried at Alloway. Also other ancestors dating back to Burns' time."

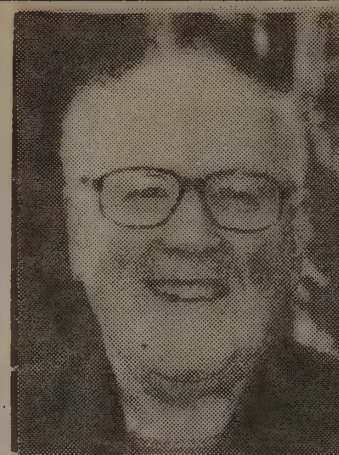
Frank McLynn, who wrote *The Jacobite Army in England, 1745* (Reviewed in *The Family Tree* April/May 2001) penned the following about Hugh Douglas for the *Glasgow*

Herald: "Although an avid Scotophile, Douglas chose to retire to Peterborough in Northamptonshire. He liked to point out that Scots were of two kinds: those (like his hero Burns) who could not flourish outside the homeland, and the much larger species (including James Boswell, Robert Louis Stevenson, and David Livingstone) who flourished only when they were removed from Scotland's soil. Douglas clearly belonged in the latter class, but there could be no doubting his commitment to the land of his birth. By all accounts he was a lover of life, and his personal Internet page shows him beaming and laughing... Douglas's heart was in the Highlands (FRS: that sentence is familiar to all Burnsians)... Douglas was an optimist who would have endorsed Stevenson's famous lines: 'The world is so full of a number of things I'm sure we should all be as happy as kings'."

Frank McLynn went on to say that "the sudden death of the author Hugh Douglas, while on vacation in Venice, ends the career of a prolific late starter". The writer in *THE SCOTSMAN* concluded that "he never tired under the weight of the extensive research involved" in writing books, and he referred to Mr. Douglas as "something of a workaholic". Personally, I'm sure Hugh would have something amusing to say about dying in Venice while on holiday. He would consider the irony too much to let it pass without a quip.

My thanks to Ivan Howlett for providing me with some of the above material. Ivan wrote: "I live in Suffolk, only a couple of hours drive from Peterborough, and I went to the funeral. Sheelagh, his wife, is being very strong and read one of the lessons. There is no such thing as a good funeral, but this was close as you could get to one. There was a warmth, and you could sense that people were there because it had been both a privilege and fun to have known him."

Hugh Douglas is survived by his wife, Sheelagh, and their children, Eithne and Jake, as



The late Hugh Douglas well as a host of friends around the world who join me in expressing condolences to the Douglas family.

Thanks, Hugh, for all the scholarly writing you did for us and for working your brand of magic by making those scholarly books so readable for, as Burns would say, "the common man".

To read the book review of *A Tinder Heart* and "A Chat With Hugh Douglas", please see *The Family Tree* web site at

<http://www.electricscotland.com>. Also, a list of Hugh's books can be found at <http://www.maybole.org/community/minishant/douglas/booksbyhughdouglas.htm>.

(Frank R. Shaw, jurascot@bellsouth.net, April 23, 2003)

Lora Mae Forsyth Gardner passed away in her home March 4, 2003.

She was the oldest member of Clan Forsyth Society U.S.A., and proudly carried the title of Matriarch.

There was a photo in January 2003 issue of *The Griffin* shows her accepting the trophy for Honored Clan of The Ocala Highland Festival for October, 2002.

She moved to Florida in 1972 from South Portland, Maine.

She was a homemaker and was also a member of Baha' of Largo, a past matron of Longfellow Chapter OES, South Portland and an active volunteer for more than 20 years with Hospice of the Florida Suncoast.

Lora was the mother of Clan Forsyth members Barbara Vaillancourt and our Florida Representative, Jack Gardner.

Robert Graham, Jr., who died Saturday, January 18, 2003 after a long illness. He was born in Elloree, SC, the son of the late Robert Virgil Graham, Sr., and Verleta Rast Graham. He was a graduate of Carlisle Military School in Bamberg, SC and studied engineering at Presbyterian Junior College in Maxton, NC. He was owner of Garden City Sports and Marine in Orangeburg, SC and an owner of Cranmans Sporting Goods in Savannah. Virgil was Clan Graham Society's Mugdock Committee Chairman for many years.

He was the person that spearheaded the Society's initial efforts with Mugdock. He had a dream that the castle would be renovated and he encouraged all clansfolk to get involved when he produced the Mugdock Castle scrolls that were given to initial subscribers to the castle renovation. Survivors includes: five daughters and three son in laws.

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Born in Utica, New York in 1921, she graduated from high school in Rochester, received a registered nurse's degree from Strong Memorial Hospital in 1942, and Bachelor of Science degree in nursing education from Oneonta State University in 1968. With her Baccalaureate and teaching certificate she worked in the New York City vocational training system and taught practical nursing to hundreds of young adults.



Billie Pride Pollock, (mother of Richard Pallock, Past Clan President and current Clan Genealogist), born in Madisonville, Kentucky passed away in February after a long illness.

Legal words we need...

Harvey Wendt

Harvey Wendt, 537128 Ellis, Huntsville, TX 77343, sent us a lovely list of legal words you need to know. Clip this and keep it with your genealogical research materials!

Assumpsit: An express or implied promise, not under seal, by which one person undertakes to do some act or pay something to another. 1. A common-law action for breach of such a promise or for breach of a contract. (See Assumption)

Bargain and sell: Probably a distortion of Bargain Sale: A sale of property for less than its fair market value.

Coats: This is not a term in ordinary general court usage. It may be something specific to a small locality.

Chattle: A misspelling of Chattel: Moveable or transferable property; especially personal property.

Conveyance: The voluntary transfer of a right or of property. 2. The transfer of a property right that does not pass by delivery of a thing or merely by agreement. 3. The transfer of an interest in real property from one living person to another, by means of an instrument such as a deed. 4. The document (usually a deed) by which such a transfer occurs. 5. A transfer of an interest in real or personal property, including an assignment, release, monetary payment, or the creation of a lien or encumbrance.

Demise: The conveyance of an estate by will or lease. 2. The instrument by which such a conveyance is accomplished. 3. The passing of property by descent or bequest. 4. The death of a person or (figuratively) of a thing.

Demurrer: A pleading stating that although the facts alleged in a complaint may be true, they are insufficient for the plaintiff to state a claim for relief and for the defendant to frame an answer. (Now usually termed a motion to dismiss.)

Ejectment: The ejection of an owner or occupier from property. 2. A legal action by which a person wrongfully ejected from property seeks to recover possession and damages.

Encumbrance: A claim or liability that is attached to property or some other right and that may lessen its value, such as a lien or mortgage; any property right that is not an ownership interest.

Enactment: The action or process of making into law. 2. A statute.

Et al.: And other persons. 2. And elsewhere.

Executor: One who performs or carries out some act. 2. A person named by a testator to carry out the provisions of the testator's will. (See executioner).

Fiduciary: One who owes to another the duties of good faith, trust, confidence, and candor. 2. One who must exercise a high standard of care in managing another's money or property.

Habeas Corpus: Writ to bring a person before the court. (For whatever reason.)

Inchoate: Partially completed or imperfectly formed; just begun.

Nicknames can be useful

There are many persons named Jones, Williams, Davies or Evans in Wales. To avoid confusion, nicknames are sometimes used.

In one village there were two Evanses. One, a travel agent, was known as "Evans there and back," and the other, an undertaker, was known as "Evans one way."

Thanks to the *Immigrant Genealogical Newsletter*, October 2001, via *National Geographic*, June 2001, p. 82.

Instant dates explained

Have you ever heard of instant dates?

There are some archaic terms referring to dates that will make you stop and blink if you run across them in your genealogical research. For example: Monday instant—if used, usually means "today".

The 10th instant—usually means the 10th of the present month.

The 20th ultimo—the 20th of last month.

Monday last—the most recent Monday.

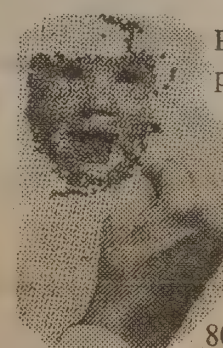
Tuesday next—the nearest Tuesday to follow. December last—the most recent December.

While the terms "next" and "last" are usually written out, the term "ultimo" is sometimes written "ULT" and "instant" is "INST".

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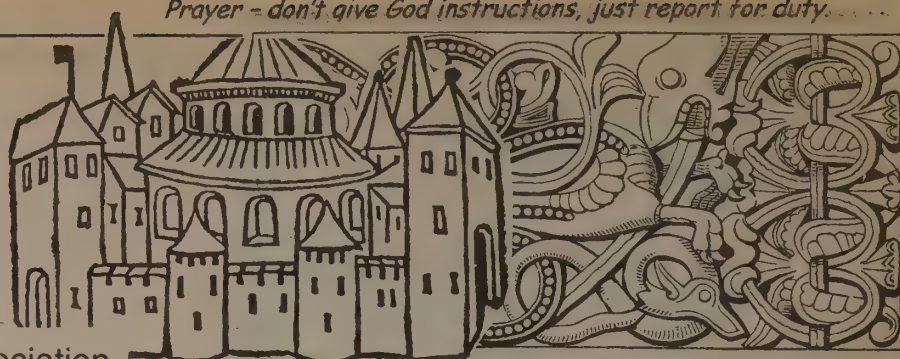
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Judi Lloyd - President of the Scottish District Families Association -
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Judi Lloyd writes, "SDFA member, Mike Croft, gave me an article with a great deal of research on his family name and the areas where it has been found. These include Angus, Inverness, Galloway, and

Caithness. With his permission I am including excerpts of his article referencing the Angus District."

Angus is our home county. About halfway up the coast of Scotland, Angus is

bounded by Kincardineshire to the north and Perthshire to the west, with the Tay estuary forming its southern boundary. Angus was in the heartland of the ancient kingdom of the Picts and it was here at Dunnichen near Forfar, that the Battle of Nechtansmere took place in 685 between a Pictish army under King Bruide and Northumbrian invaders led by King Egfrith. The Picts' triumph effectively ended Northumbrian expansion northwards. Today, one can still see many excellent examples of Pictish standing stones. The group at Aberlemno is particularly fine.

In 1320, the stirring Declaration of Arbroath, affirming Scotland's freedom, was approved at Arbroath Abbey. At about the same time, Glamis Castle, the most famous castle in the county, was being built. The family home of HM the Queen Mother and the birthplace of Princess Margaret,

Glamis is also renowned for its ghosts and its connection with Shakespeare's *MacBeth*.

Forfar was once famed for its witches and indeed employed a professional witchfinder at one stage. In the town's Meffan museum you'll find the Witch's Bridle, a grisly iron collar with a blunt spike which was forced into the unfortunate witch's mouth to stop her screaming while she was being burned at the stake.

Although its population is only about 7000, Brechin is the only 'city' in Angus as it has a little cathedral initially founded in the 13th century.

Standing pencil-slim beside the cathedral is a round tower, the oldest in Scotland (there is only one other, at Abernathy), built by Culdee monks in about 1000 AD.

Arbroath (pop 25,000) is the largest Angus town, and home of the famous Abbey, which was founded in 1178. It was at the Abbey in 1320 that the Declaration of Scottish In-

dependence was signed outlining the desire of the Scottish people for self-determination.

From such auspicious beginnings the growth of Arbroath continued over the years, but the real boom time came as the flax and engineering industries began to expand, leading to an ever-increasing population.

Today industry continues to play an important part in the economy of the town with a variety of activities ranging from fish food processing to engineering and textiles. Still a working port Arbroath's harbor remains an attractive focal point for the town. At the harbor, the mouth-watering scent of that famous Arbroath delicacy, the Smokie, wafts from the surrounding smokehouses.

Arbroath also has a long-established reputation as a holiday resort, with fine sands, leisure facilities, and the annual Sea Fest - a three day celebration of the town's maritime heritage. Just outside Arbroath is the busy village of Friockheim and the 18th Century House of Pitmuies with its beautiful gardens.

More than most any other county, Angus is a microcosm of Scotland, with rich farmland in Strathmore, wide sandy beaches and fishing towns in the east, highland mountains and glens to the north, and several very typical Scottish towns (and football teams!) dotted here and there. There's even an industrial city (Dundee) to the south, although it's not actually in Angus. The county is also renowned for its gastronomic delicacies - Angus beef, Forfar bridies, and Arbroath smokies to name but three.

Family names connected with the county include Carnegie, Guthrie, Gardyne, Lindsay, Lyon, and Graham, and for many years the powerful Red Douglas family held the earldom of Angus. Having said that, the most common surname in the local telephone directory is SMITH!



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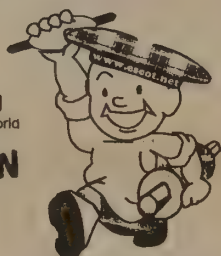
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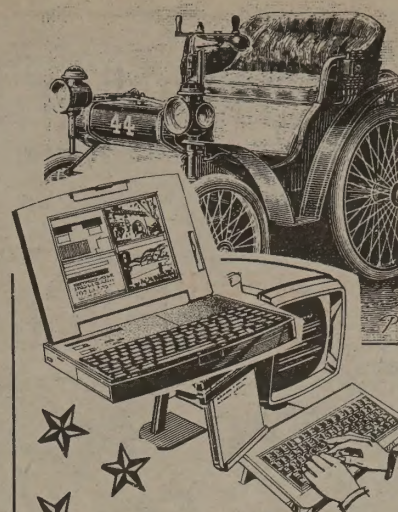
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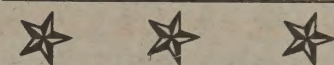
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Remembrance,

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For more information write, Dodie McPherson, 395 Waverly Hall Drive, Roswell, GA 30075, email, <Donmcpherson@outdrs.net>, <www.clan-macpherson.org>, or call 770-993-7685.



A great big Guthrie "thank you" to Peggy Guthrie Wink!

For a very long time, Peggy Guthrie Wink has served as both Vice President and Newsletter Editor of the of the Clan Guthrie - USA, Inc. Peggy is now retiring as editor of *The Clan Guthrie News*.

Clan Guthrie - USA, Inc., wishes to thank Peggy for her wonderful publications and for her hard work!

Thank you, Peggy Guthrie Wink!

Duncan A. Bruce,
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Scottish immigrants. Bruce is a graduate of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Board of the American Scottish Foundation, Inc., and the St. Andrew's Society of the State of New York and is chairman of that organization's 250th anniversary celebration, which will take place in 2006. Mr. Bruce is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, and is one of the few Americans to receive a grant of arms from the Lyon Court in Edinburgh. He was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor in 1998.

Skeleton Contest,
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